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# THE HEDGEHOG™

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SOLO STORY  
INSIDE!



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HARD**

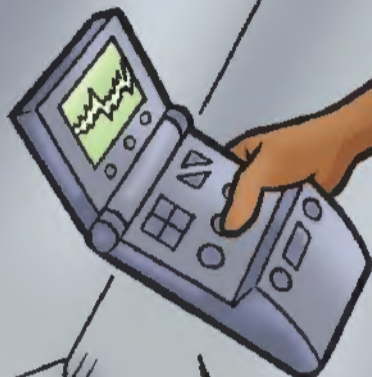
EAT YOUR HEART OUT,

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

PRINCESS SALLY IS BACK IN ACTION AGAIN!

# A ROBOT RIDES THE RAILS

PART ONE



# WHAM!

AND HER MAJOR DOMO NICOLE IS NONE TOO THRILLED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT EITHER!

THIS IS FOOLISH, PRINCESS! WE CAME TO GATHER INFORMATION--

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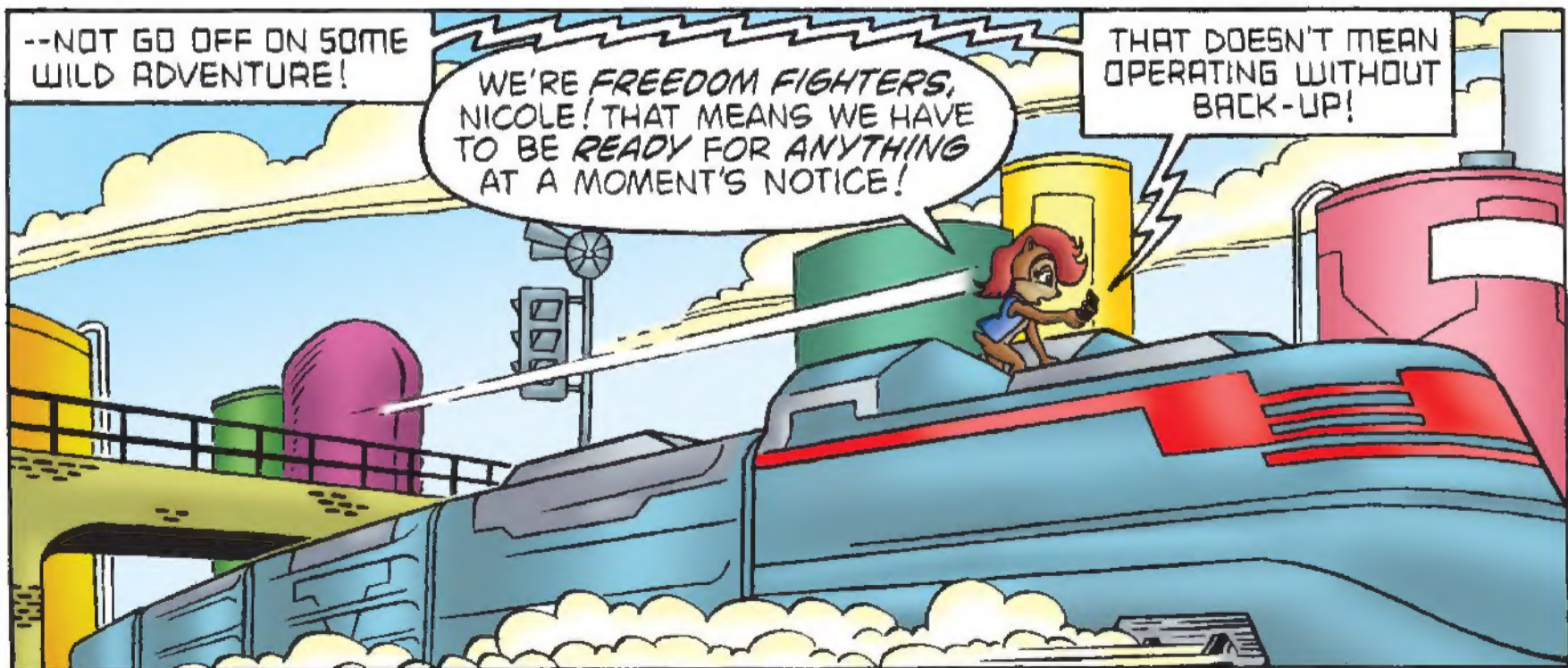
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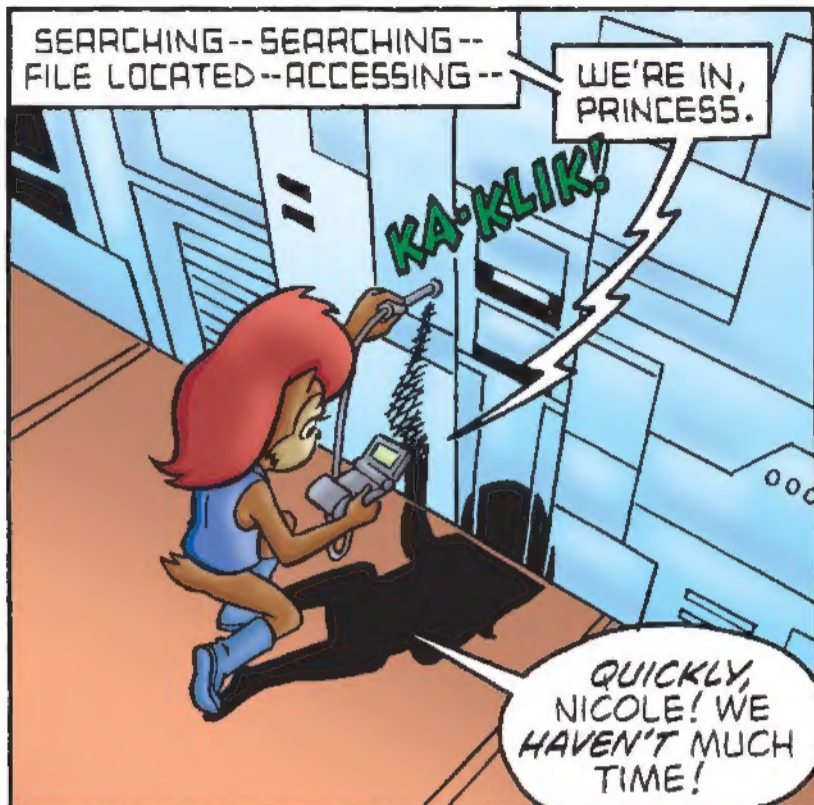
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--NOT GO OFF ON SOME WILD ADVENTURE!

WE'RE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, NICOLE! THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE!

THAT DOESN'T MEAN OPERATING WITHOUT BACK-UP!



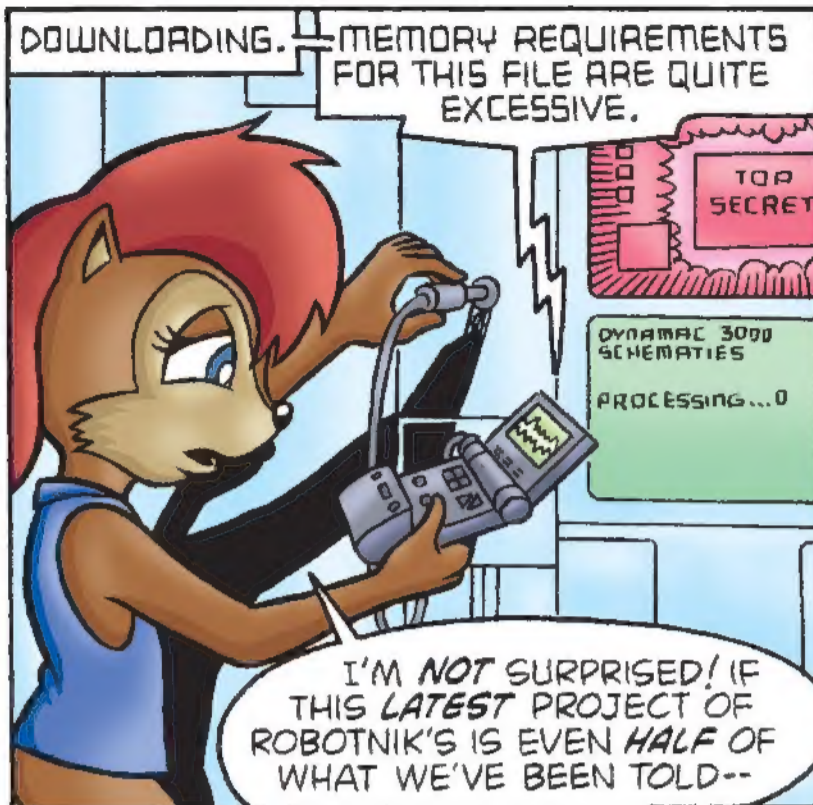


SEARCHING--SEARCHING--  
FILE LOCATED--ACCESSING--

WE'RE IN,  
PRINCESS.

KA-KLIK!

QUICKLY,  
NICOLE! WE  
HAVEN'T MUCH  
TIME!



DOWNLOADING. MEMORY REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THIS FILE ARE QUITE  
EXCESSIVE.

TOP  
SECRET

DYNAMIC 3000  
SCHEMATICS  
PROCESSING...0

I'M NOT SURPRISED! IF  
THIS LATEST PROJECT OF  
ROBOTNIK'S IS EVEN HALF OF  
WHAT WE'VE BEEN TOLD--



WOO-WOOOOOOO

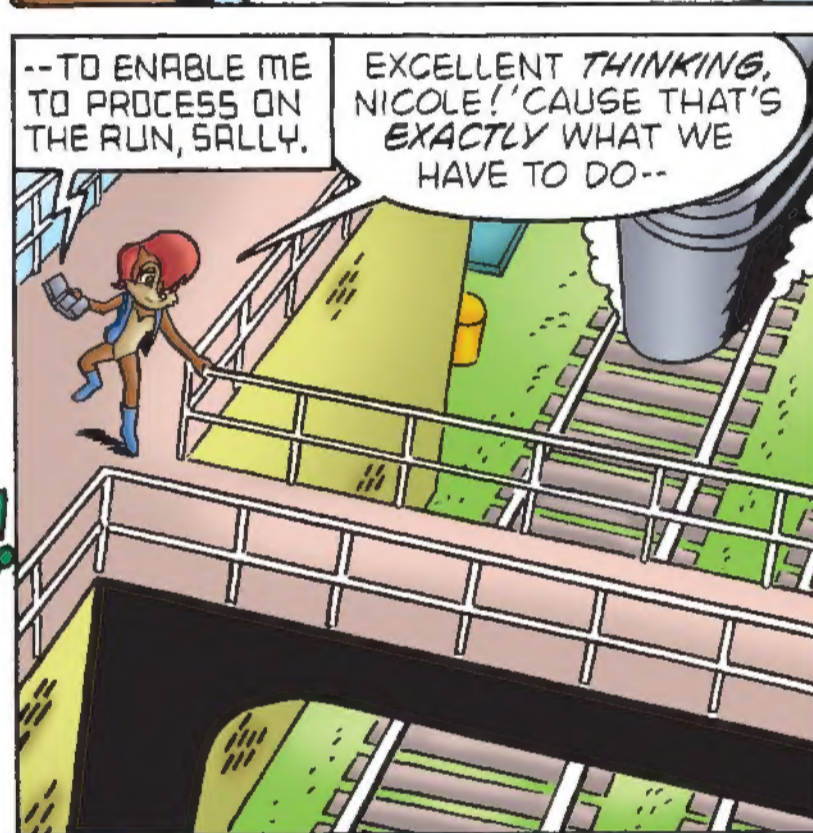
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THAT THE--?

VERY  
LIKELY.

ARE YOU  
FINISHED  
DOWNLOADING  
THE FILE,  
NICOLE?

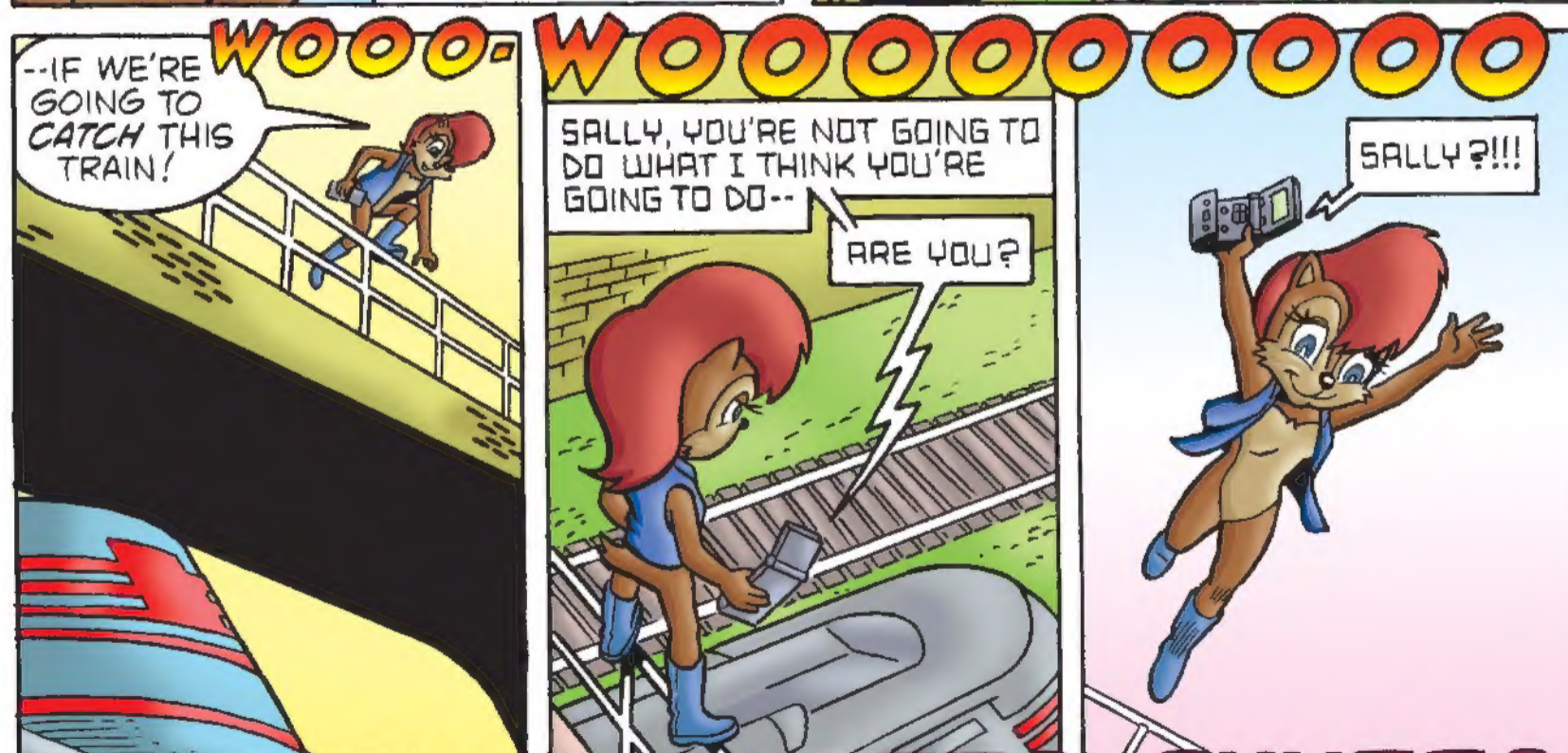
KLIK!

NOT QUITE. HOWEVER,  
I'M ESTABLISHING A  
RADIO LINK--



--TO ENABLE ME  
TO PROCESS ON  
THE RUN, SALLY.

EXCELLENT THINKING,  
NICOLE!' CAUSE THAT'S  
EXACTLY WHAT WE  
HAVE TO DO--



--IF WE'RE  
GOING TO  
CATCH THIS  
TRAIN!

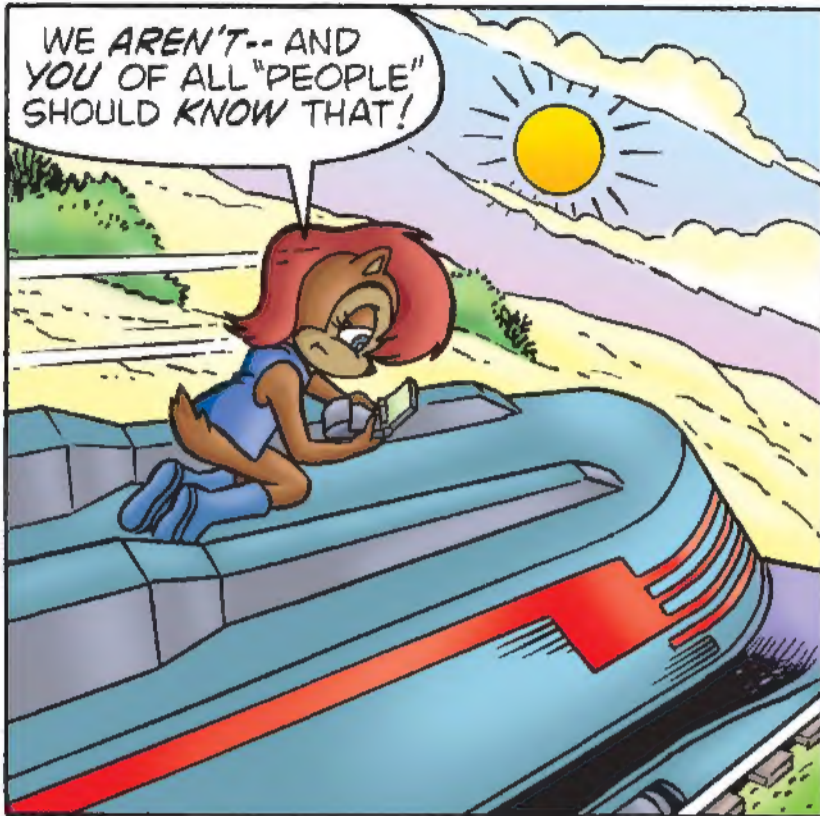
WOOO-WOOOOOOO

SALLY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
DO WHAT I THINK YOU'RE  
GOING TO DO--

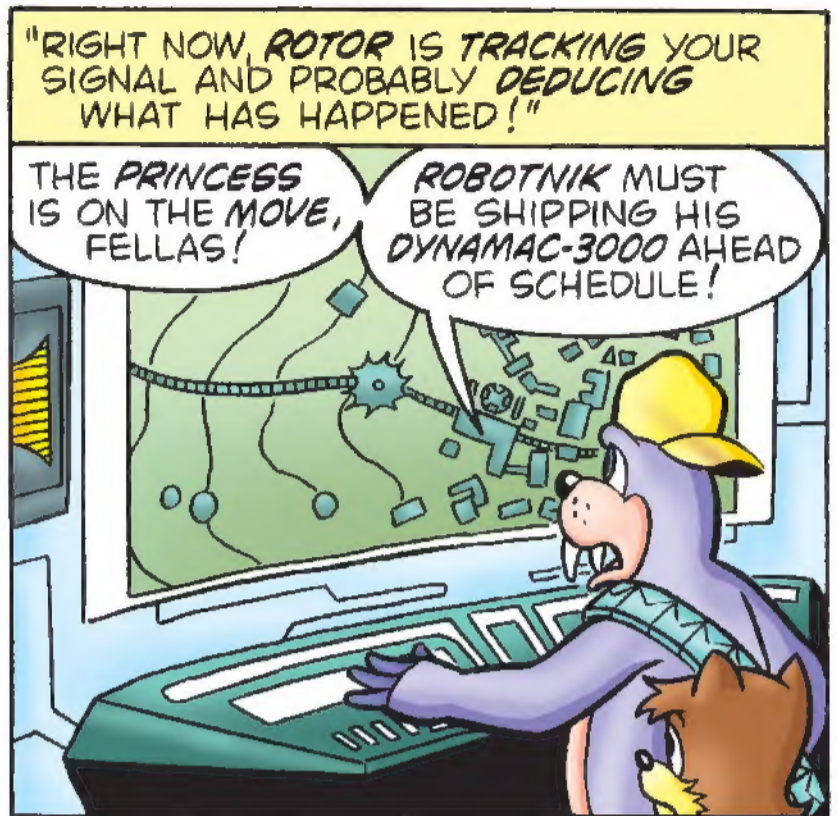
ARE YOU?

SALLY?!!!

CHUG-CHUG-CHUGGA-CHUGGA-



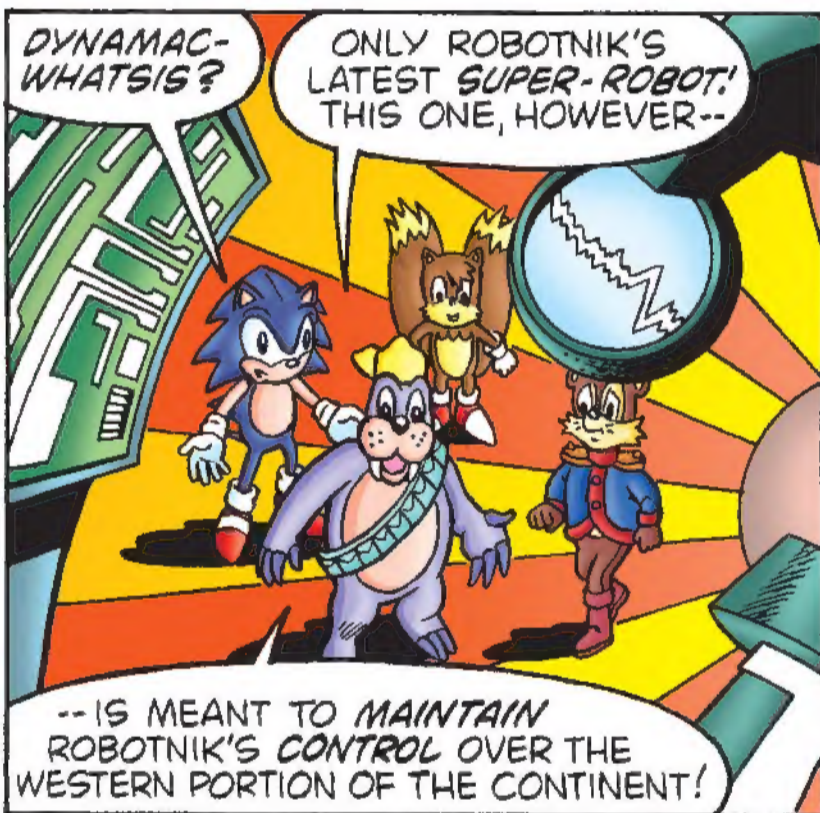
WE AREN'T-- AND YOU OF ALL "PEOPLE" SHOULD KNOW THAT!



"RIGHT NOW, ROTOR IS TRACKING YOUR SIGNAL AND PROBABLY DEDUCING WHAT HAS HAPPENED!"

THE PRINCESS IS ON THE MOVE, FELLAS!

ROBOTNIK MUST BE SHIPPING HIS DYNAMAC-3000 AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!



DYNAMAC-WHATSIS?

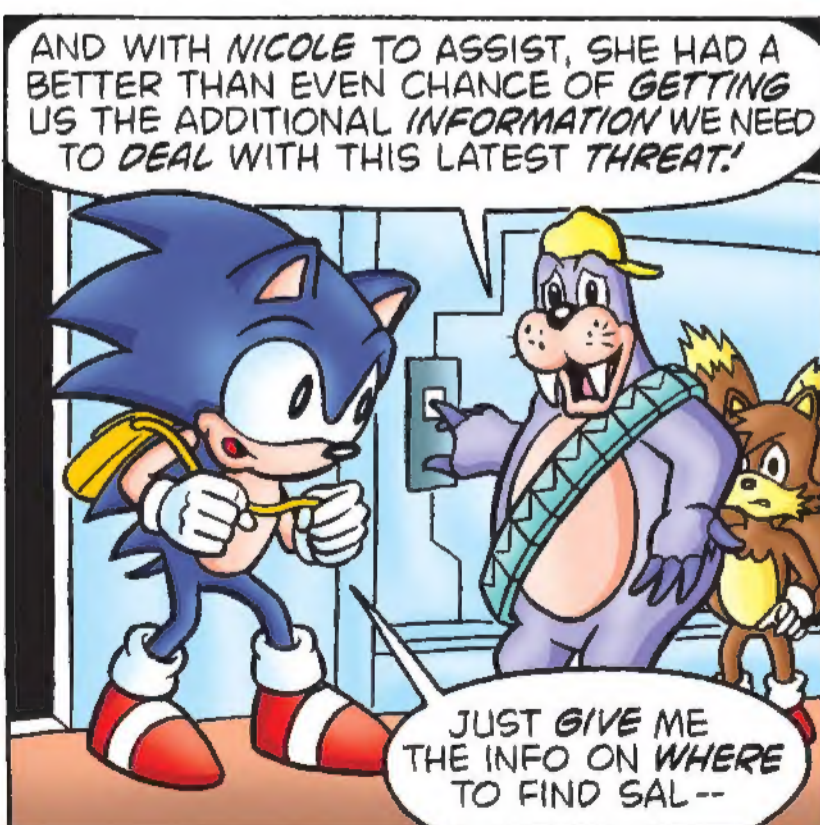
ONLY ROBOTNIK'S LATEST SUPER-ROBOT! THIS ONE, HOWEVER--

--IS MEANT TO MAINTAIN ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL OVER THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE CONTINENT!



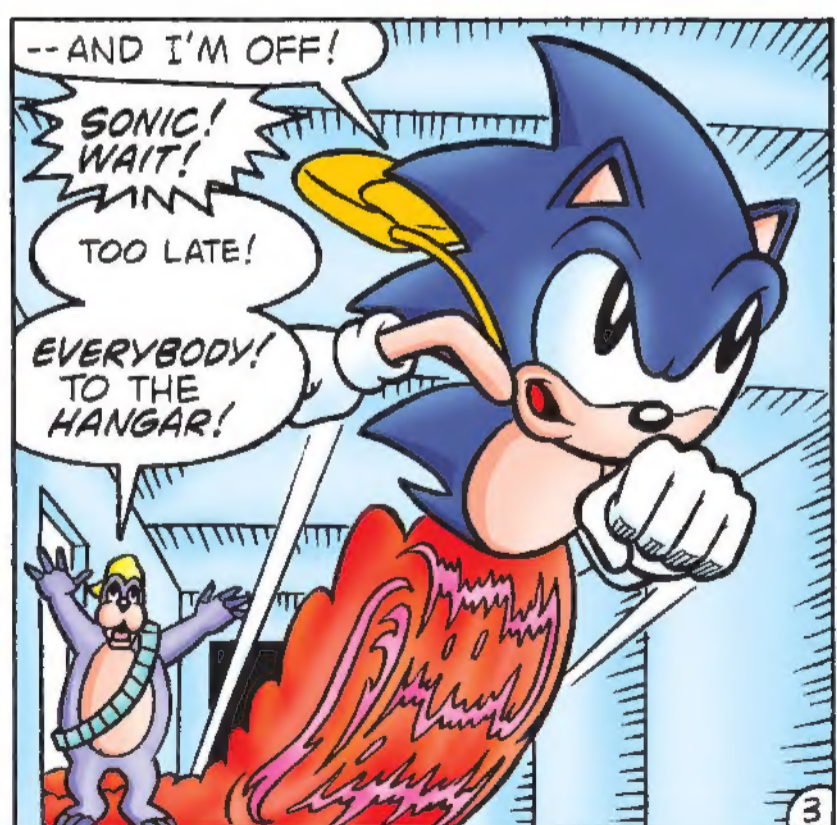
OUR AGENTS IN ROBOTROPOLIS HAVE BEEN COMPILING INFORMATION ON THIS ONE FOR SOME TIME--

--AND SALLY THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH GOING IN AND PERSONALLY CHECKING IT OUT!



AND WITH NICOLE TO ASSIST, SHE HAD A BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE OF GETTING US THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS LATEST THREAT!

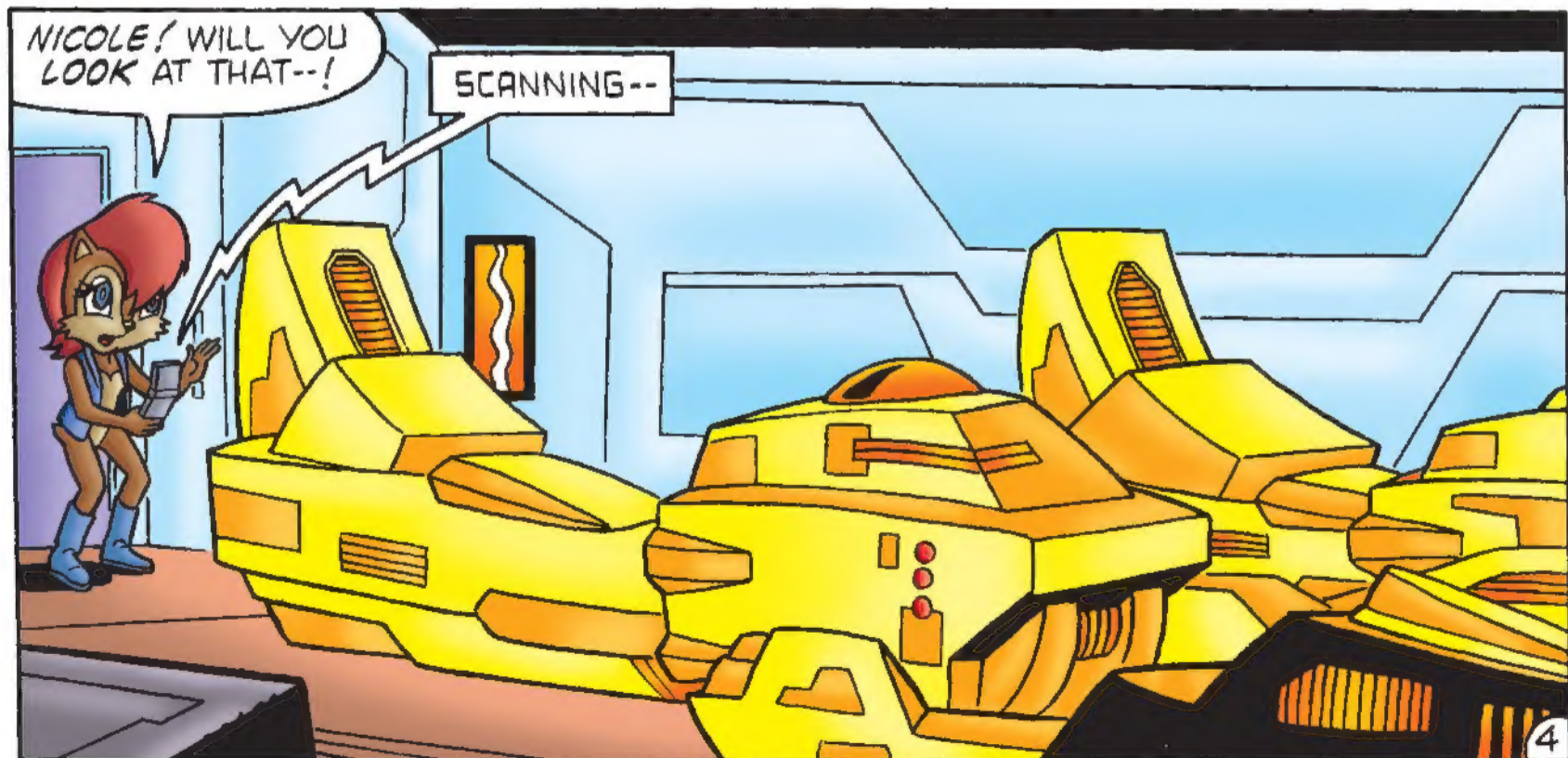
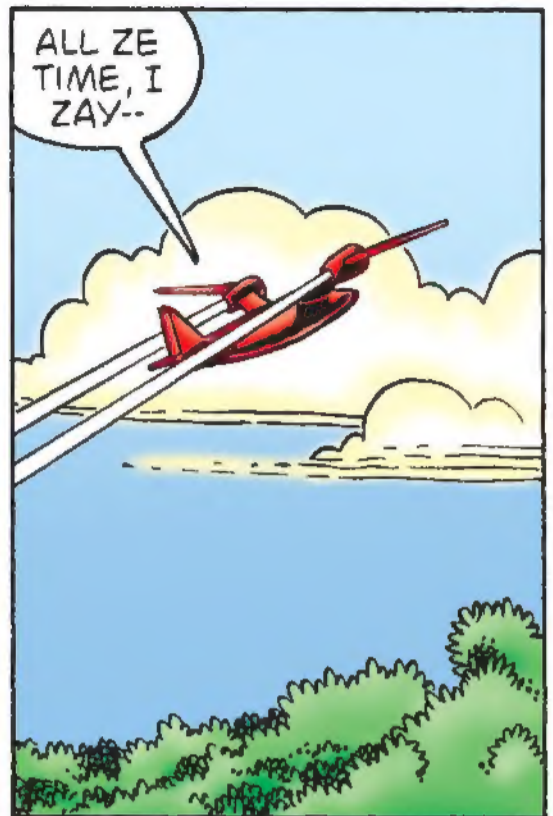
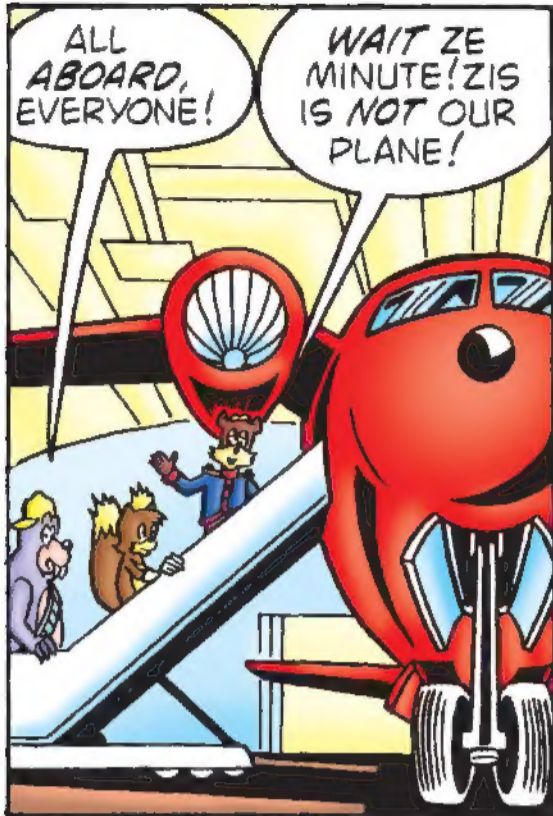
JUST GIVE ME THE INFO ON WHERE TO FIND SAL--

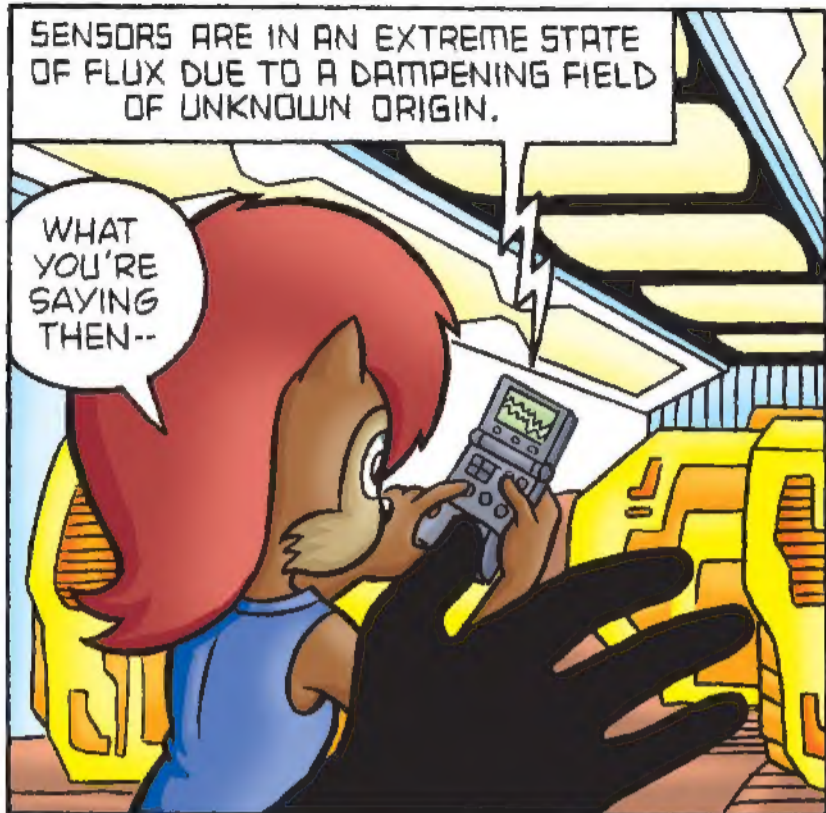


--AND I'M OFF!

SONIC! WAIT! TOO LATE!

EVERYBODY! TO THE HANGAR!





SENSORS ARE IN AN EXTREME STATE OF FLUX DUE TO A DAMPENING FIELD OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

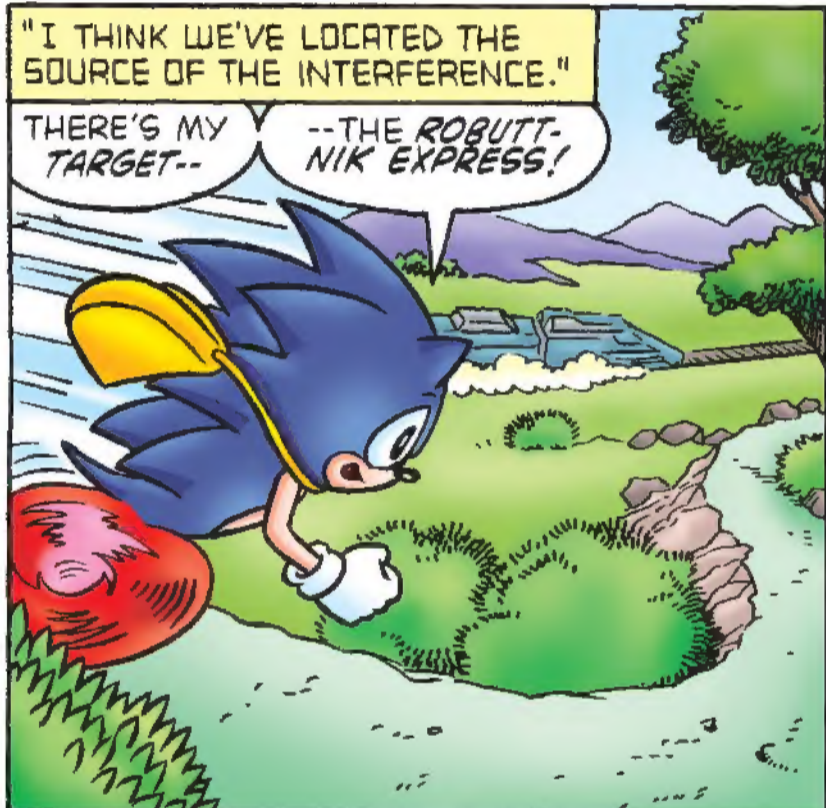
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING THEN--



--IS THAT SOMETHING IS INTERFERI--

MMMPPHHH!

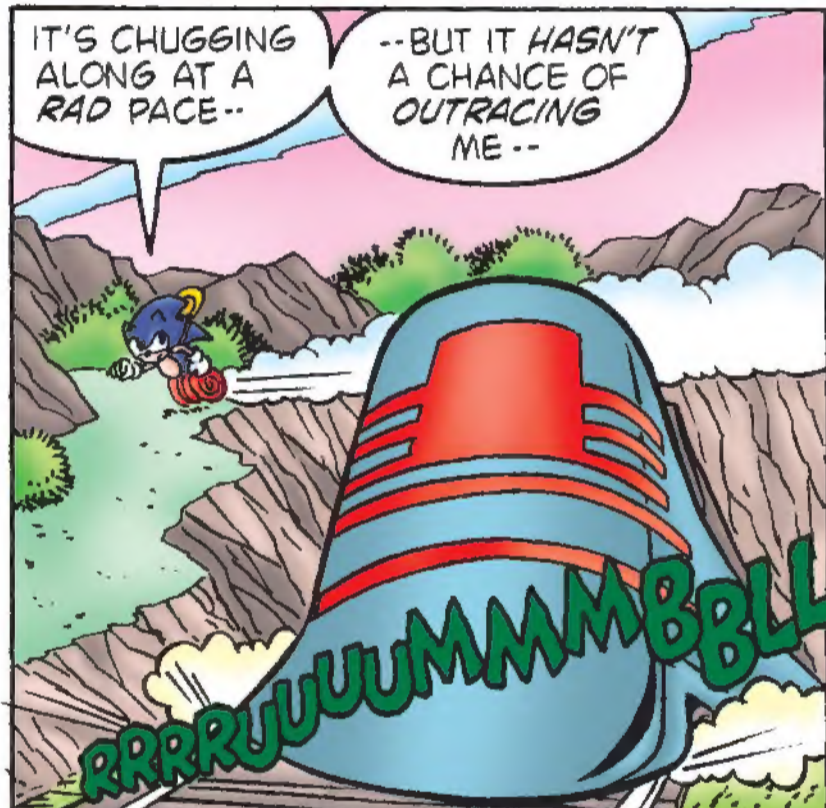
SALLY!



"I THINK WE'VE LOCATED THE SOURCE OF THE INTERFERENCE."

THERE'S MY TARGET--

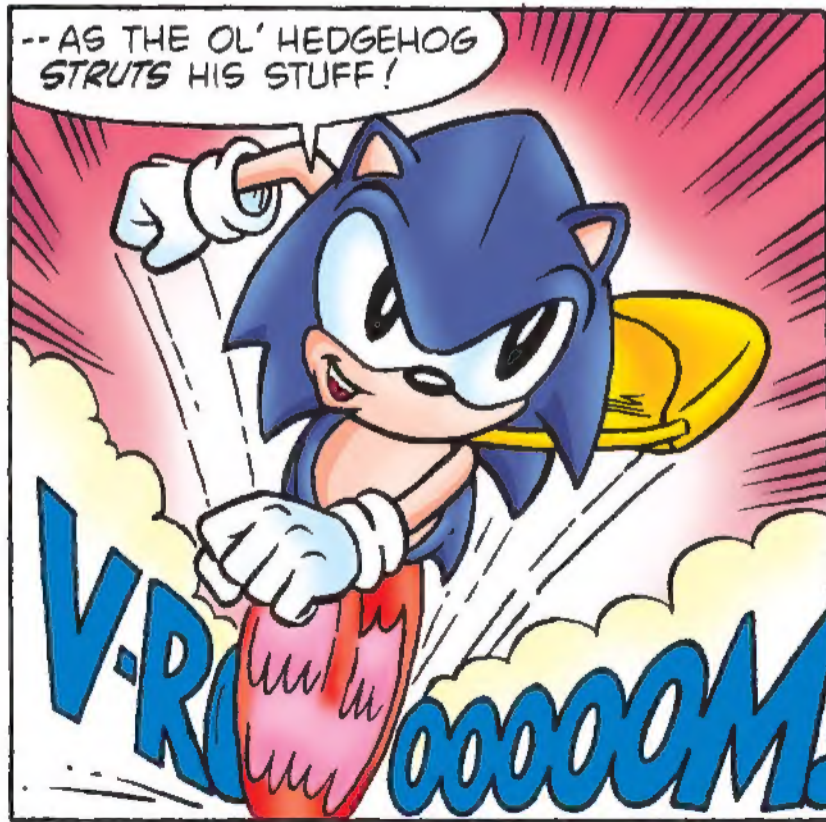
--THE ROBU-TTIK EXPRESS!



IT'S CHUGGING ALONG AT A RAD PACE--

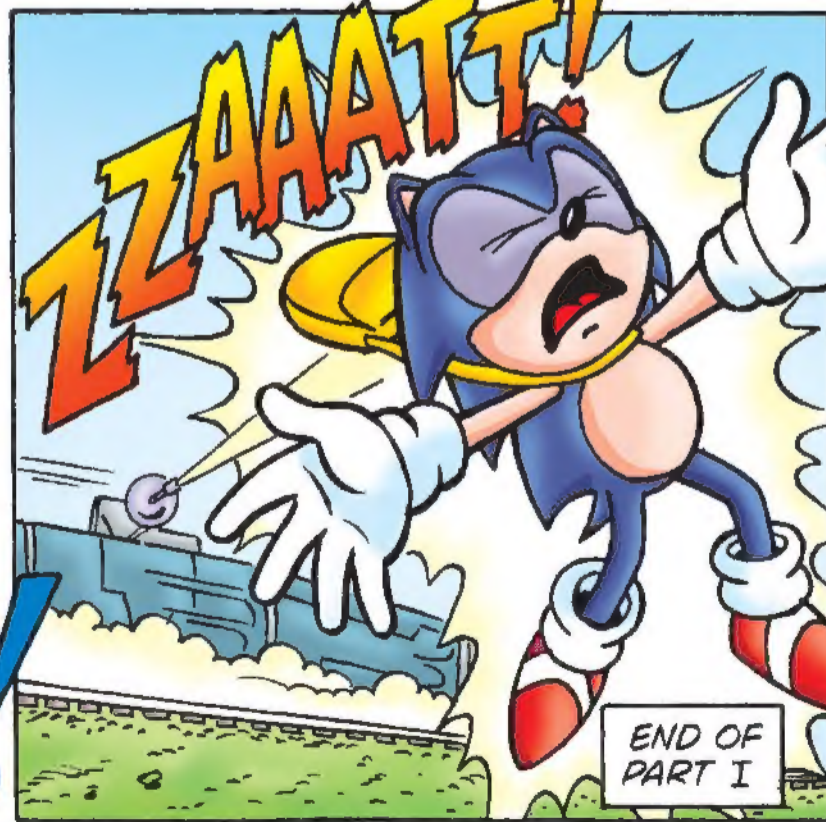
--BUT IT HASN'T A CHANCE OF OUTRACING ME--

RRRUUUMMBLL



--AS THE OL' HEDGEHOG STRUTS HIS STUFF!

V-RRRooooom!



ZZAAATT!

END OF PART I



WELL, I'M NOT **GEOFFREY ST. JOHN!**

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™**

LUV! AT LEAST, NOT SINCE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, THAT IS!\*

**A RUBBIT RIDES THE RAILS**

PART TWO

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

AND WHAT'S WITH THE STRONG ARM STUFF?

**K-KLIKETY-KLA**

**ETY-KLAK-KLIKETY-KLA**

I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS!

\* REMEMBER GEOFFREY FROM THE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-SERIES? -- Editor



I THOUGHT WE WERE MORE!

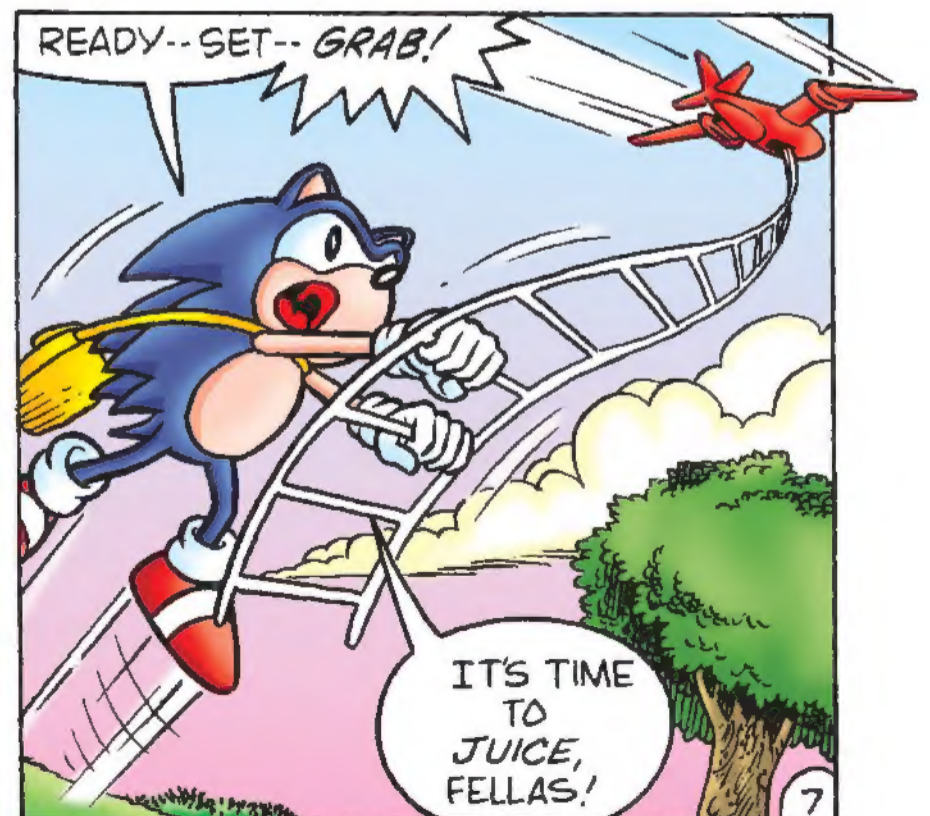
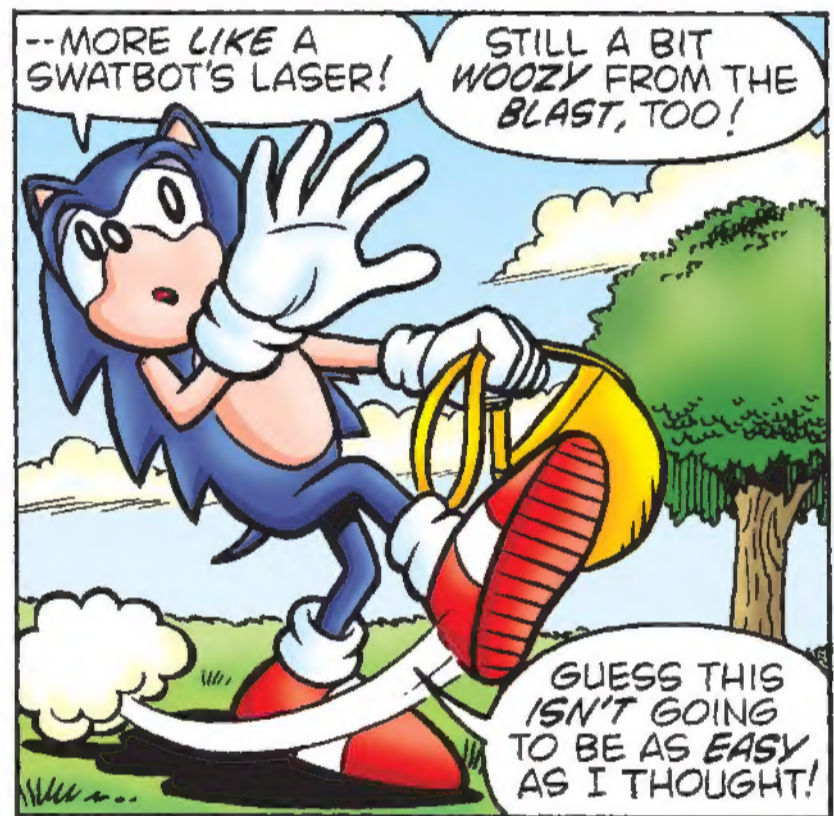
**SWAK!**



THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME FOR THAT! I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO!

AND SO DO I!

YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION--

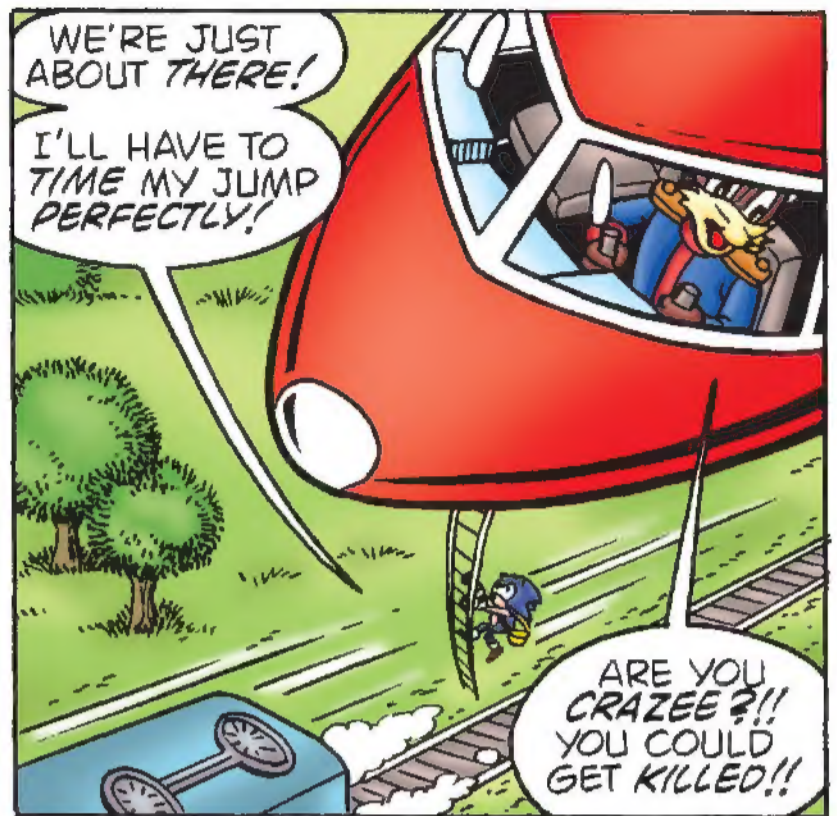






HEY NOW!  
LOOKEE WHAT  
WE HAVE HERE!

TAKE ME  
IN CLOSER,  
'TWAN!



WE'RE JUST  
ABOUT THERE!  
I'LL HAVE TO  
TIME MY JUMP  
PERFECTLY!

ARE YOU  
CRAZEE?!!  
YOU COULD  
GET KILLED!!



"WOULDN'T THAT MAKE  
ROBOTNIK'S DAY, HUH?"

BY THE WAY,  
GEOFFREY,  
WHERE ARE  
YOUR MEN?

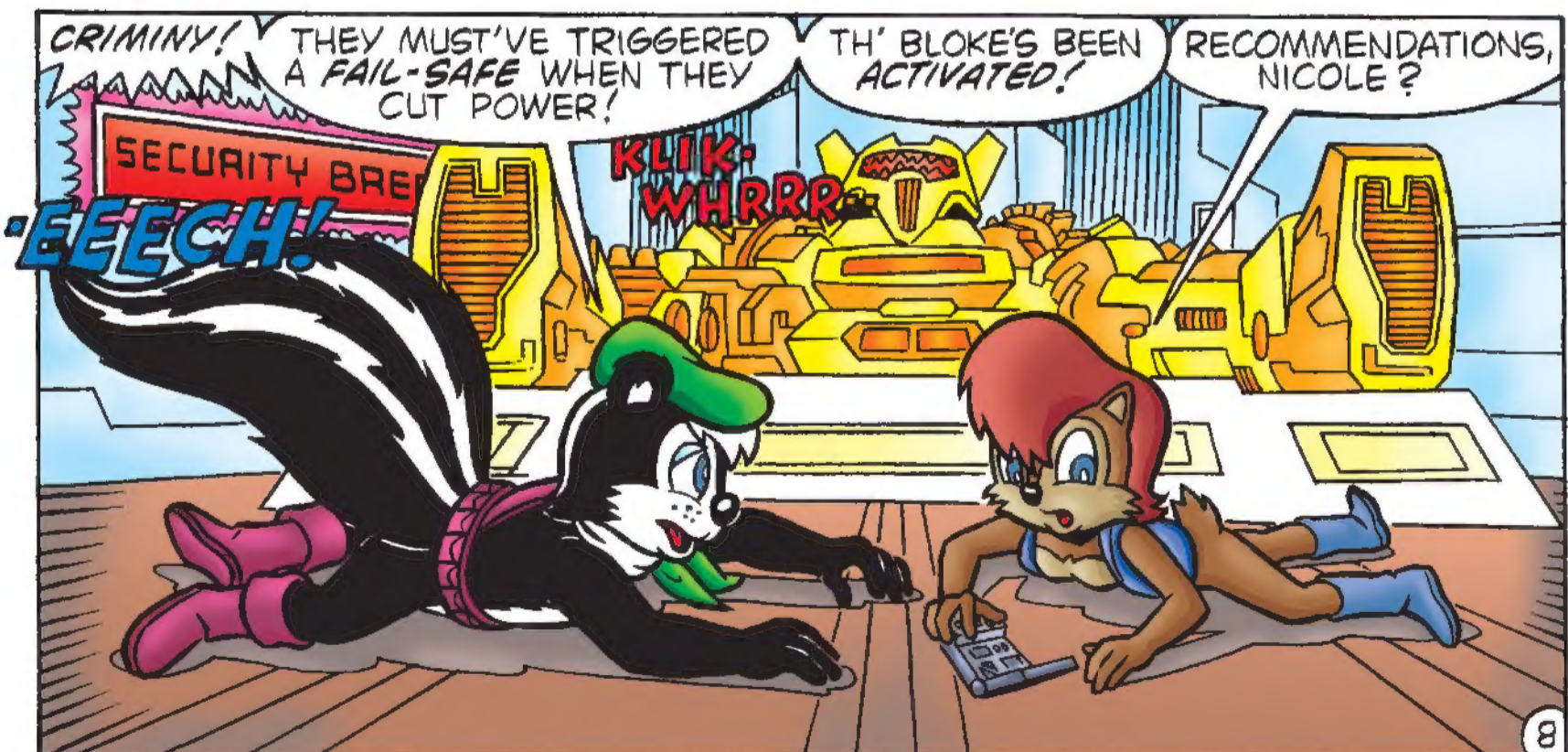
THEY'RE UP FRONT--ABOUT  
TO STOP THE ENGINE!



A LITTLE TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON  
THE BRAKES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

**SWWSH!**

**SCREEEE-**



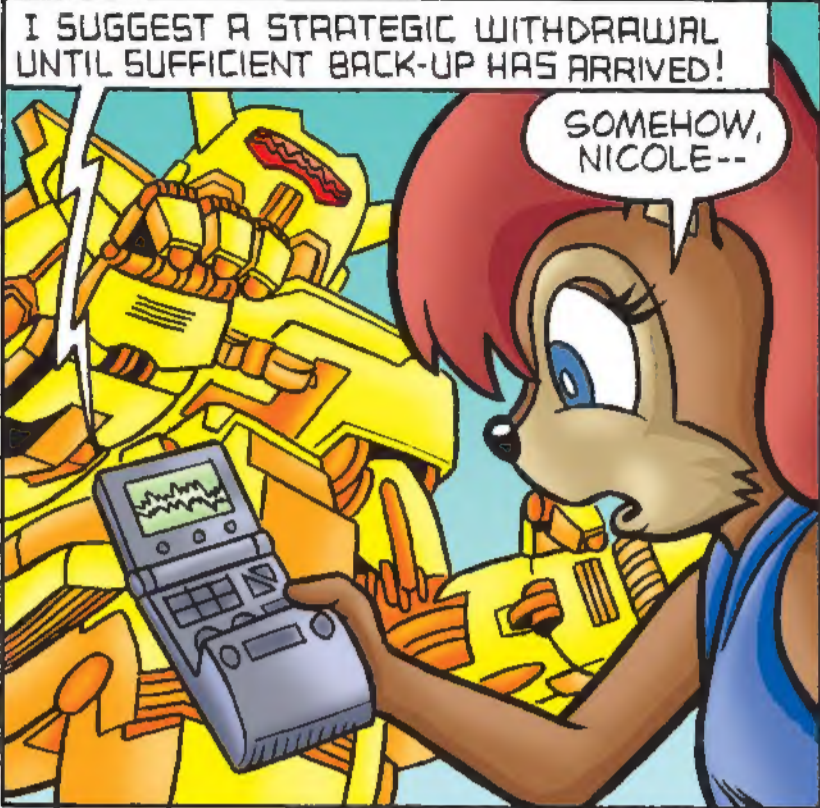
CRIMINY!  
ZAAAAAN  
**EEECH!**

THEY MUST'VE TRIGGERED  
A FAIL-SAFE WHEN THEY  
CUT POWER!

**KLIK-WHRRR**

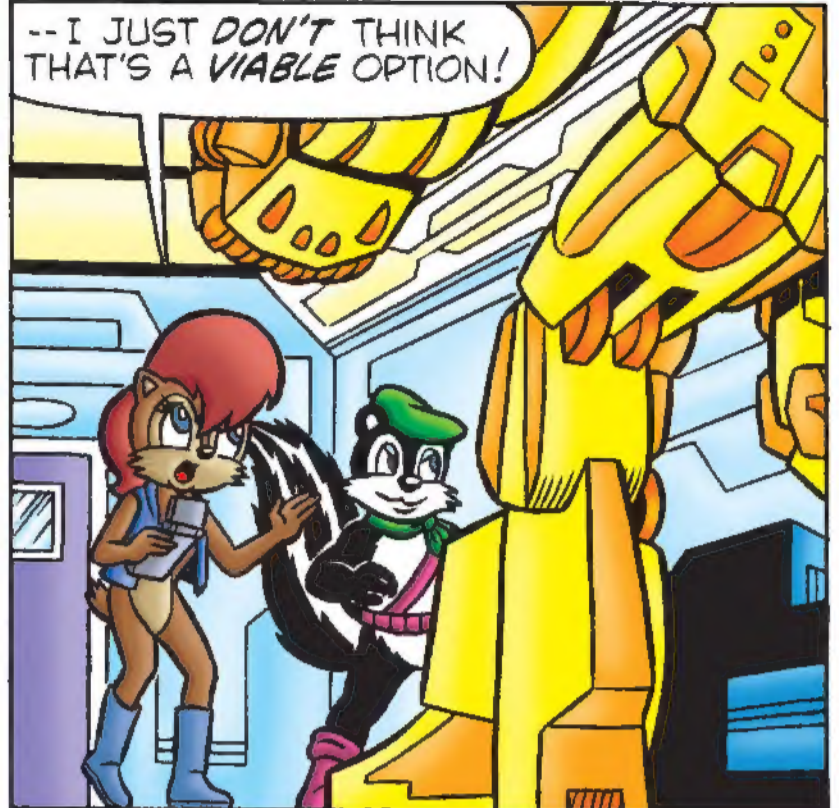
TH' BLOKE'S BEEN  
ACTIVATED!

RECOMMENDATIONS,  
NICOLE?

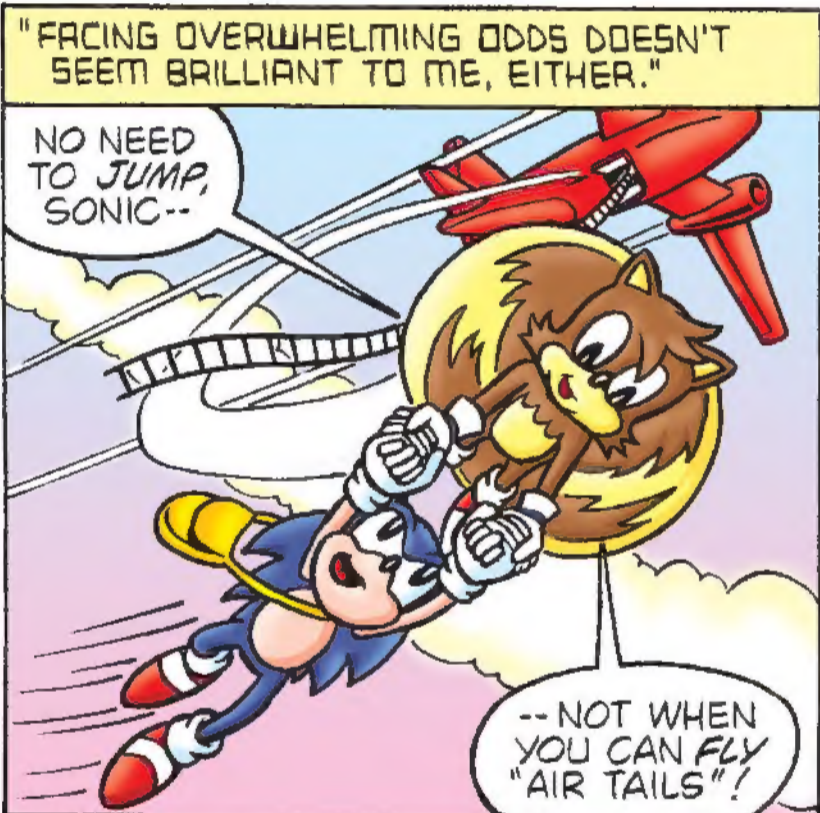


I SUGGEST A STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL UNTIL SUFFICIENT BACK-UP HAS ARRIVED!

SOMEHOW, NICOLE--



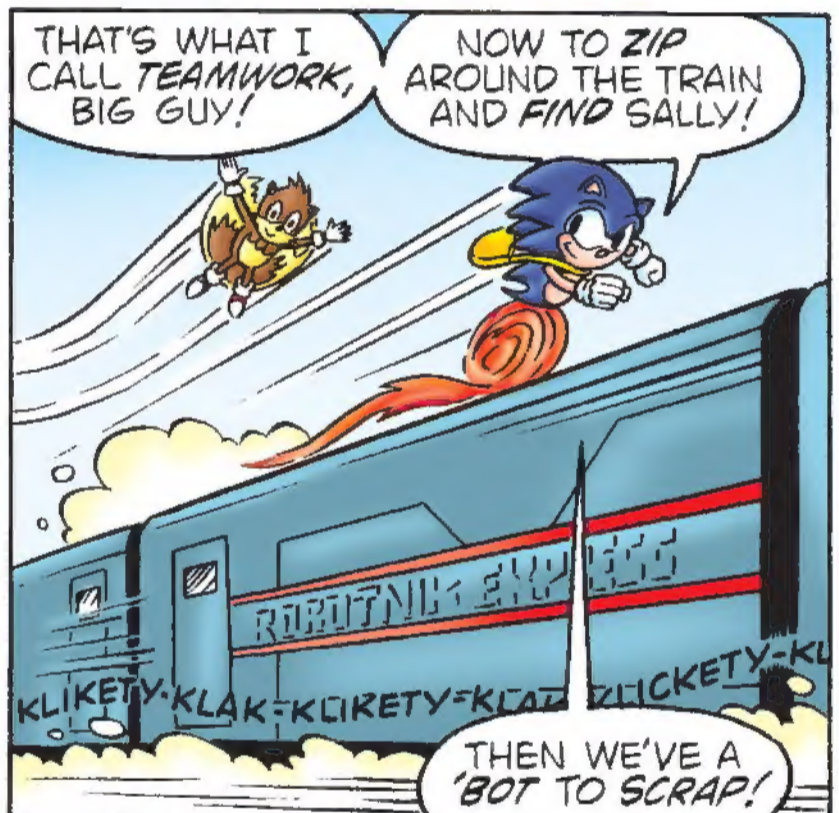
--I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S A VIABLE OPTION!



"FACING OVERWHELMING ODDS DOESN'T SEEM BRILLIANT TO ME, EITHER."

NO NEED TO JUMP, SONIC--

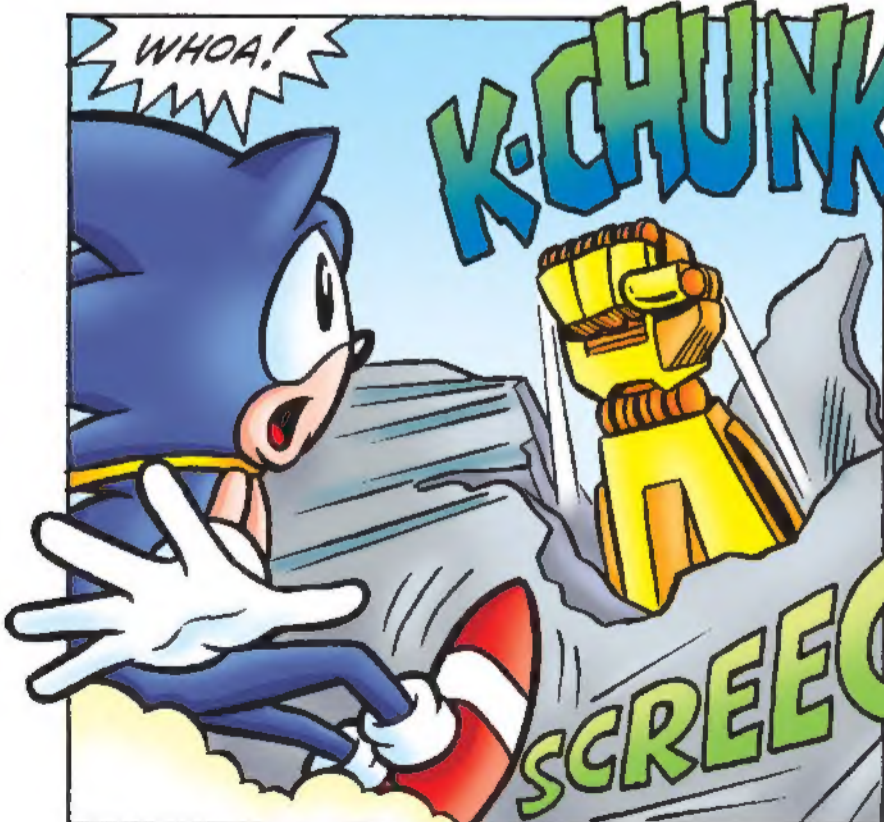
-- NOT WHEN YOU CAN FLY "AIR TAILS"!



THAT'S WHAT I CALL TEAMWORK, BIG GUY!

NOW TO ZIP AROUND THE TRAIN AND FIND SALLY!

THEN WE'VE A 'BOT TO SCRAP!



WHOA!

K-CHUNK

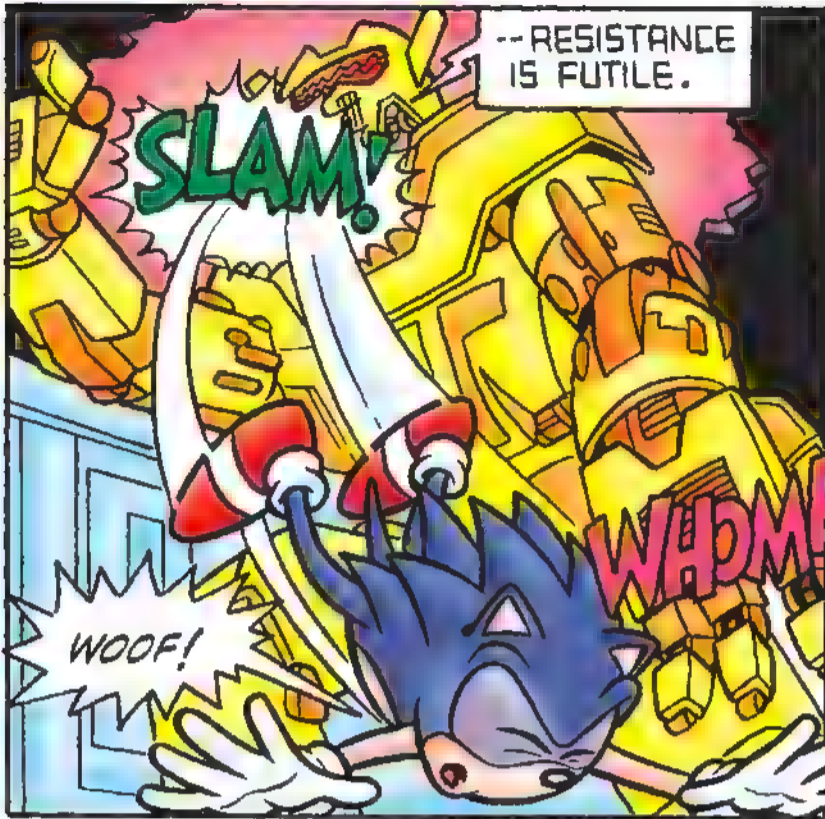
SCREECH!



SOMETHING TELLS ME ROTOR DIDN'T TELL US EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS ONE!

HOW COME WE NEVER GET THE EASY JOBS?!

SURRENDER, HEDGEHOG--



--RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.

**SLAM!**

**WADMP!**

**WOOF!**



THIS JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MY DAY!

SONIC!

ANOTHER TRAINEE OF YOURS, PERHAPS?



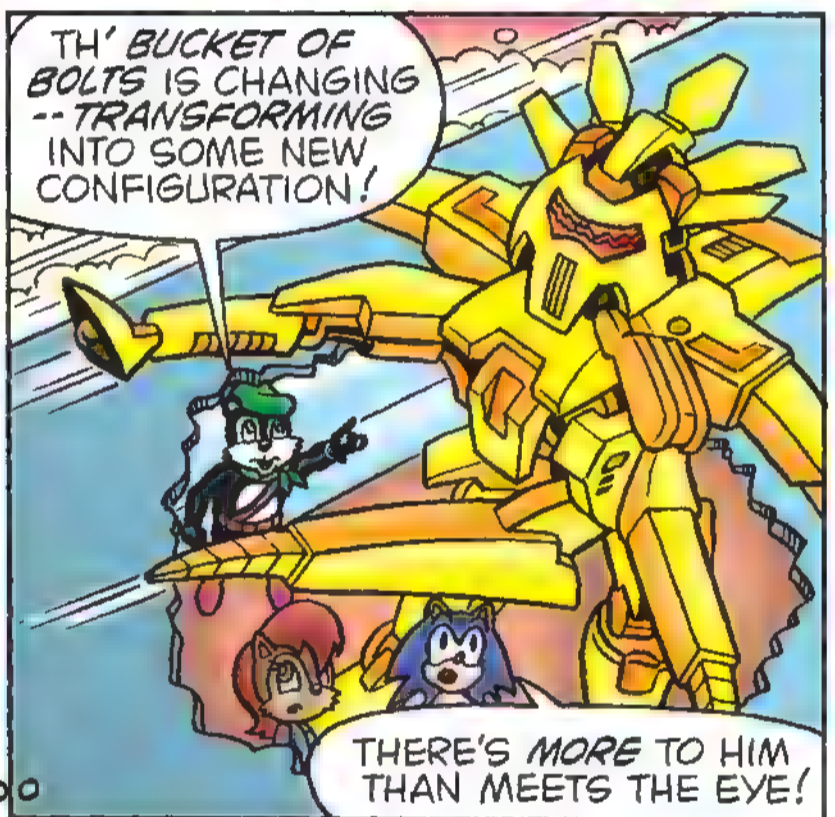
TRAINEE?! WHO DOES--?!

HOLD IT! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?!

WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!

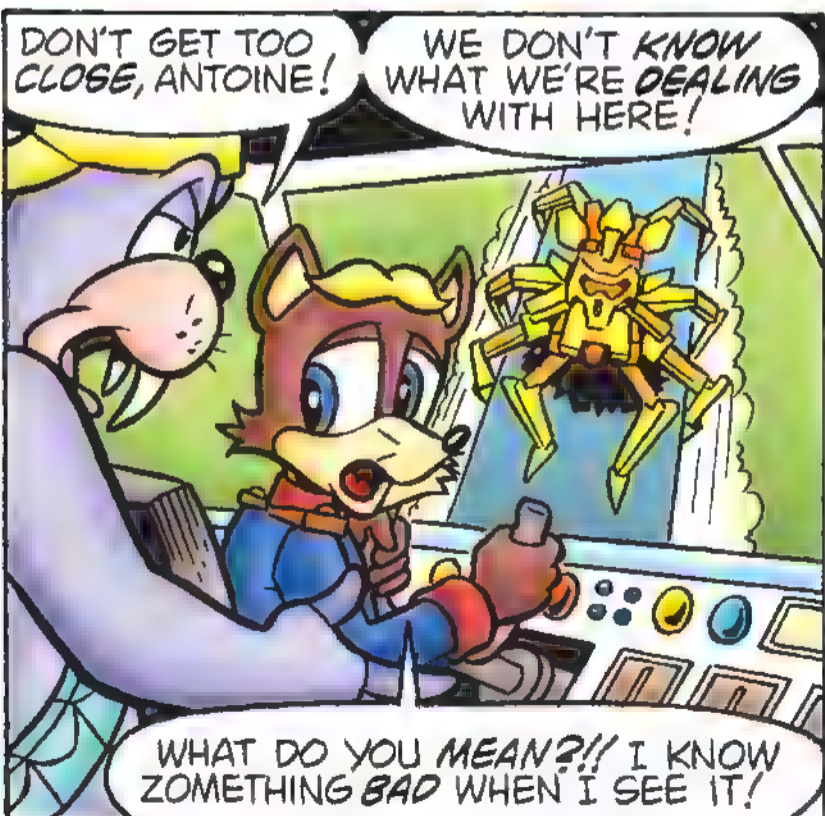
**Ka-KLIK**

**Ka-KLIK-whrrrrrr**



TH' BUCKET OF BOLTS IS CHANGING --TRANSFORMING INTO SOME NEW CONFIGURATION!

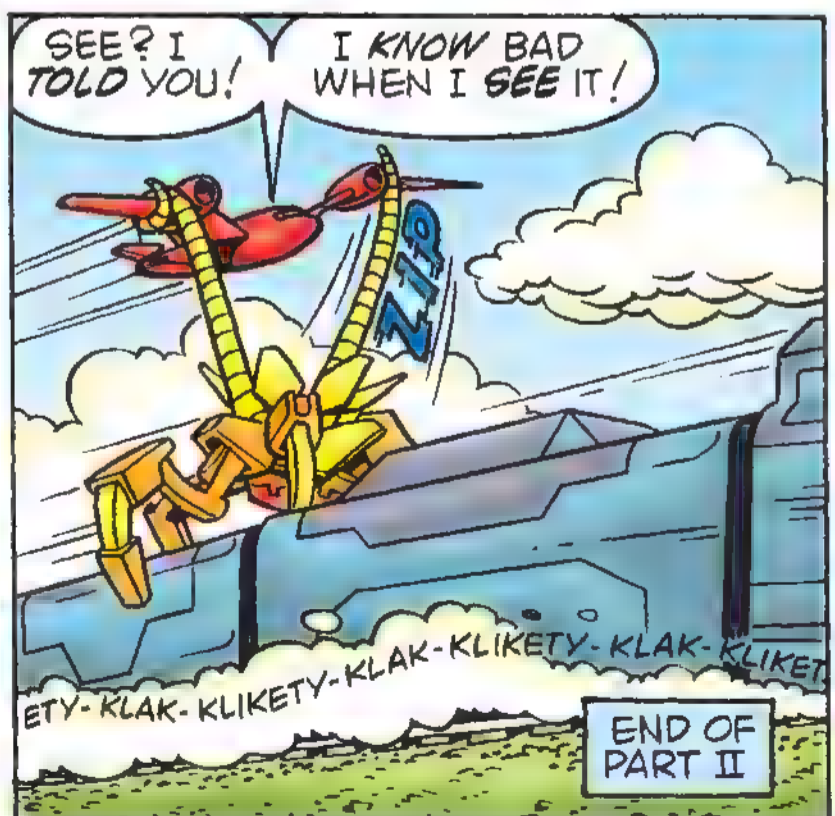
THERE'S MORE TO HIM THAN MEETS THE EYE!



DON'T GET TOO CLOSE, ANTOINE!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! I KNOW SOMETHING BAD WHEN I SEE IT!



SEE? I TOLD YOU!

I KNOW BAD WHEN I SEE IT!

ETY-KLAK-KLIKETY-KLAK-KLIKETY-KLAK-KLIKETY

END OF PART II

GET BACK

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

# A ROBOT RIDES THE RAILS

PART THREE

AND WATCH A REAL PROFESSIONAL AT WORK!

THAT'LL BE THE DAY YOU COULD TEACH ME A TRICK OR TWO, CLYDE!

WILL THE TWO OF YOU JUST PUT A LID ON IT?!!

WE'VE GOT TO SAVE OUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM DYNAMAC!

UNLESS I HEAR A BETTER IDEA, I'M READY TO CUT LOOSE!

NOT JUST YET! MY MATES NEED MORE TIME TO REACH THEIR OBJECTIVE!

-- OR DYNAMAC MIGHT BUST UP THE WHOLE TRAIN AND US ALONG WITH IT!

BETTER TO TAKE THE RIGHT ACTION THAN TO ACT HASTILY, PRINCESS.

WE CAN'T WAIT TOO LONG--

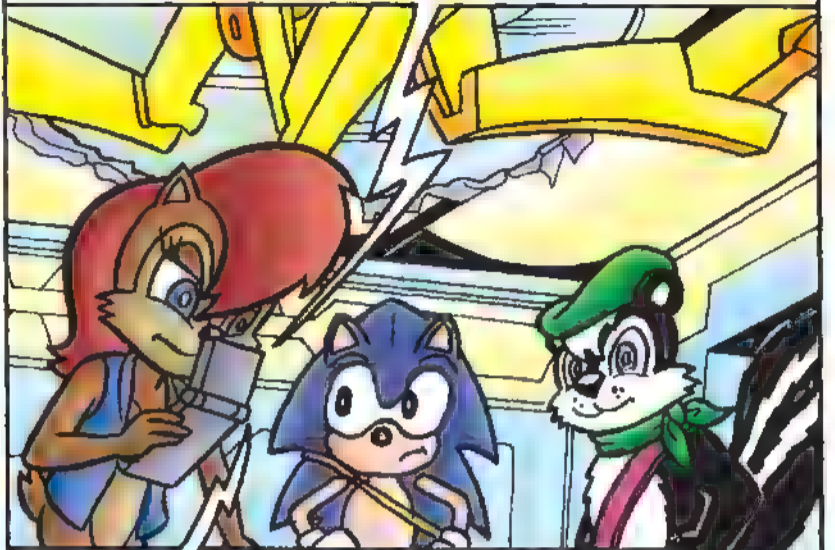


I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTION, NICOLE!

I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE FILES WE DOWNLOADED AND I'VE LEARNED THE DYNAMAC-3000 HAS TWO WEAKNESSES.

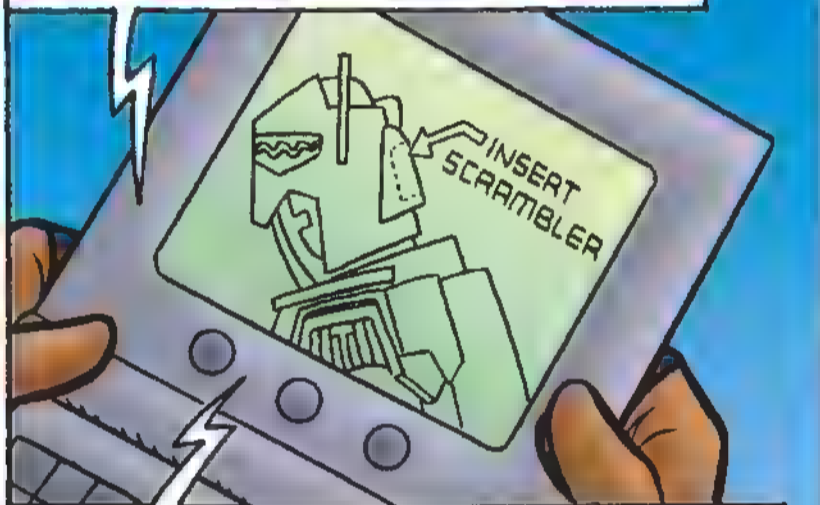


ONE: IT CAN ONLY REACT TO A GIVEN SITUATION. IT CANNOT ANTICIPATE ACTIONS.



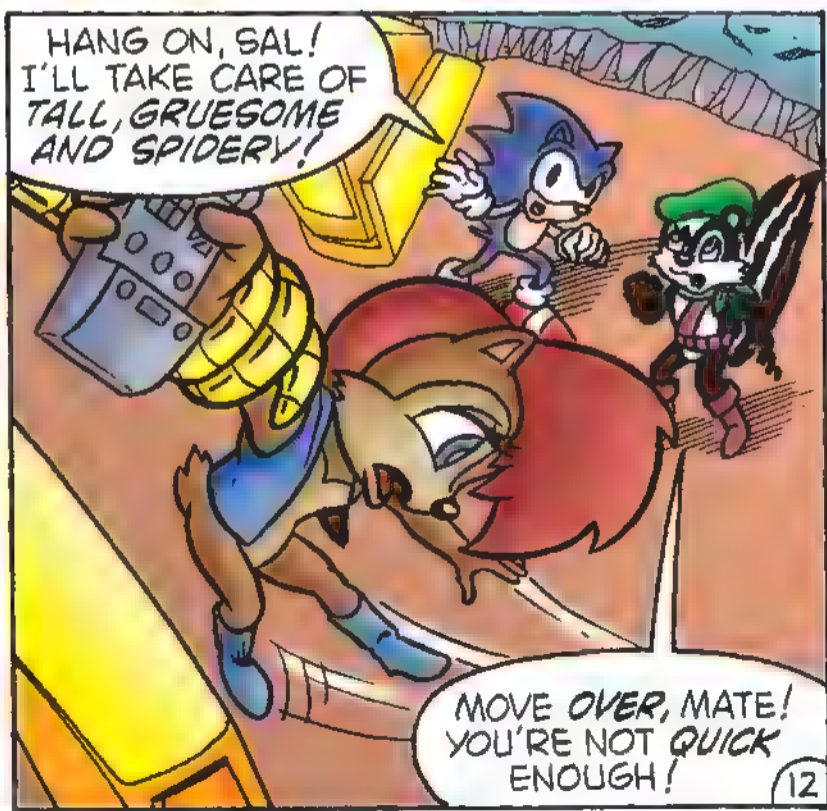
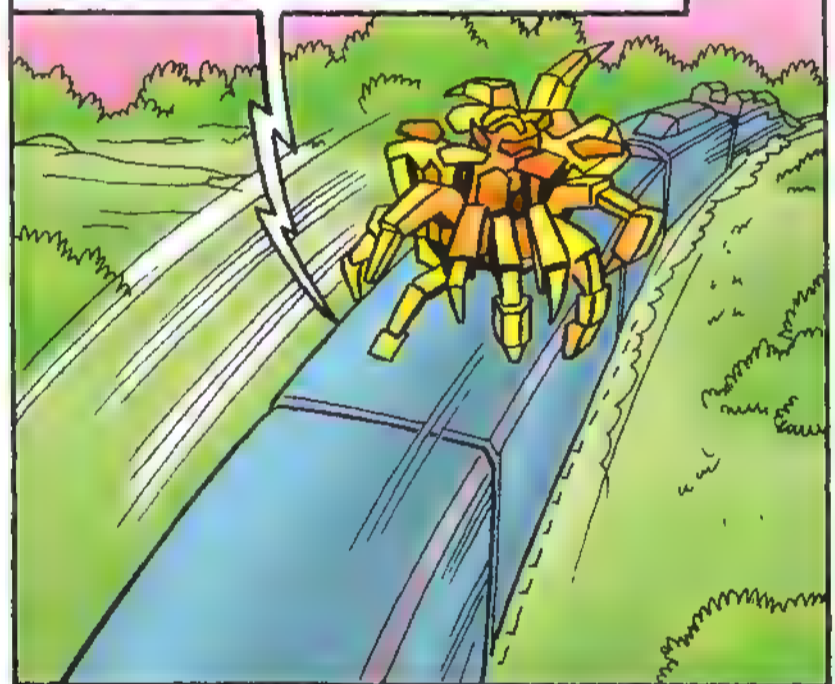
FOR EXAMPLE, IT RECONFIGURED ITSELF FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER AS A REACTION TO AN ATTACK FROM MULTIPLE OPPONENTS.

TWO: CONFIRMING THE INFORMATION ROTOR RECEIVED FROM OUR AGENTS, IT CAN BE DEACTIVATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC PULSE SCRAMBLER PLUGGED INTO ITS CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT.



ONCE INSERTED, ALL SHUTDOWN SYSTEMS WITHIN ITS MAINFRAME CAN BE ENGAGED.

THEREFORE, YOU MUST EXPLOIT THE FIRST WEAKNESS IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SECOND.



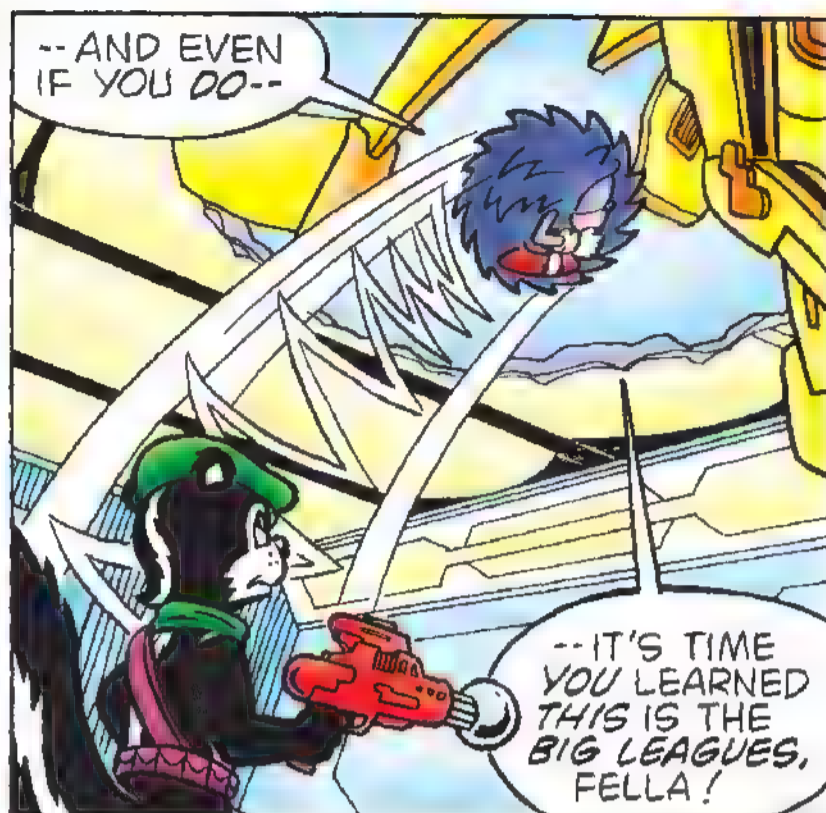
HANG ON, SAL! I'LL TAKE CARE OF TALL, GRUESOME AND SPIDERY!

MOVE OVER, MATE! YOU'RE NOT QUICK ENOUGH!



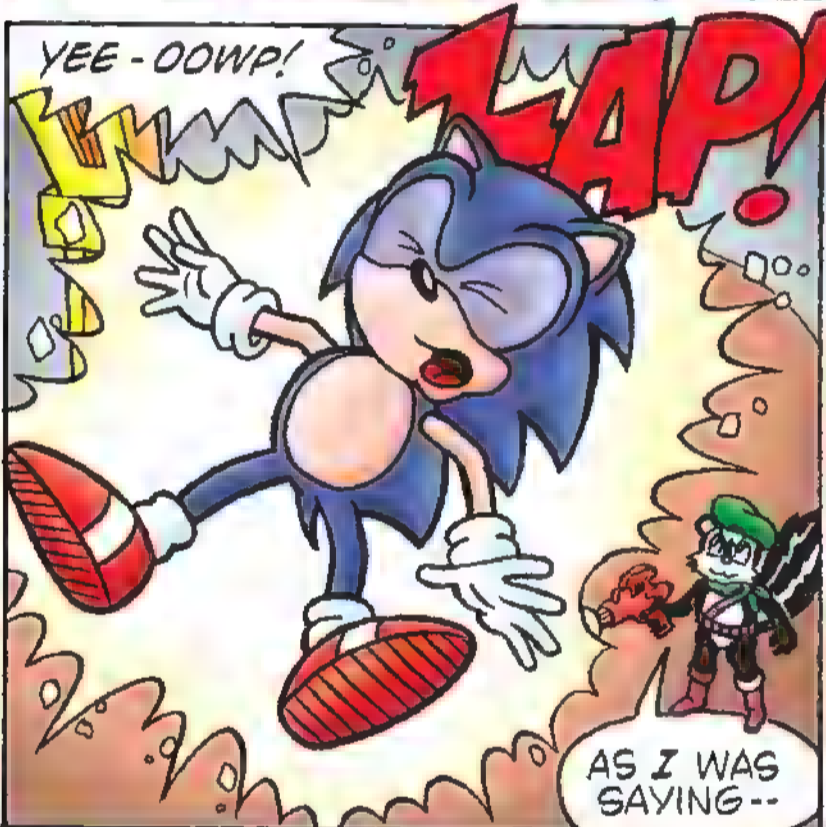
WHAT'S NEEDED  
HERE IS MORE ACTION,  
LESS TALK!

WELL, IF YOU  
DON'T MIND--



-- AND EVEN  
IF YOU DO--

-- IT'S TIME  
YOU LEARNED  
THIS IS THE  
BIG LEAGUES,  
FELLA!



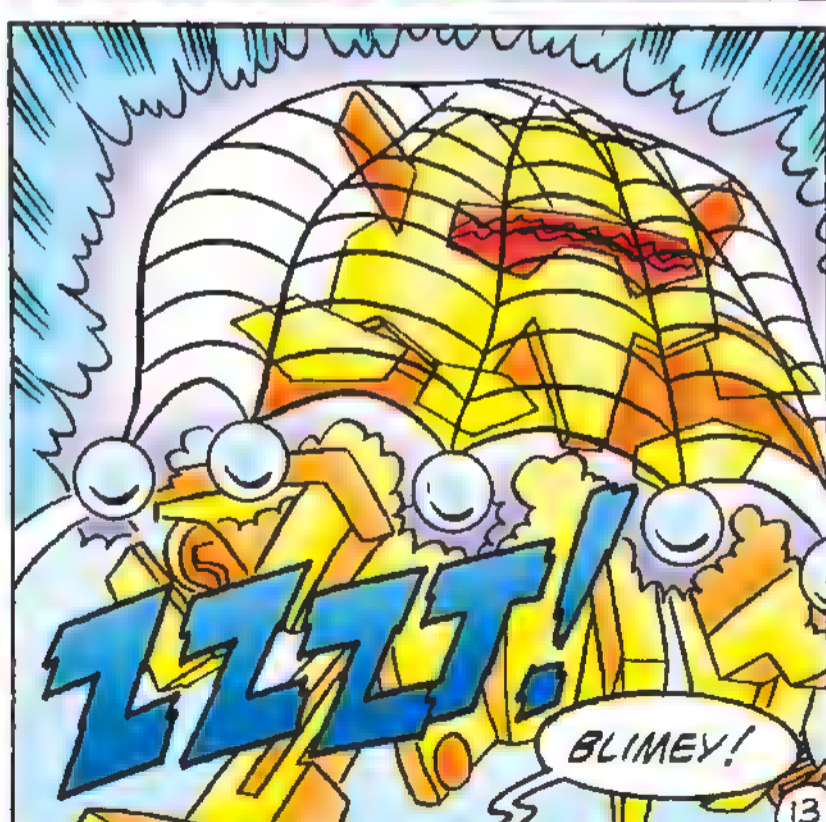
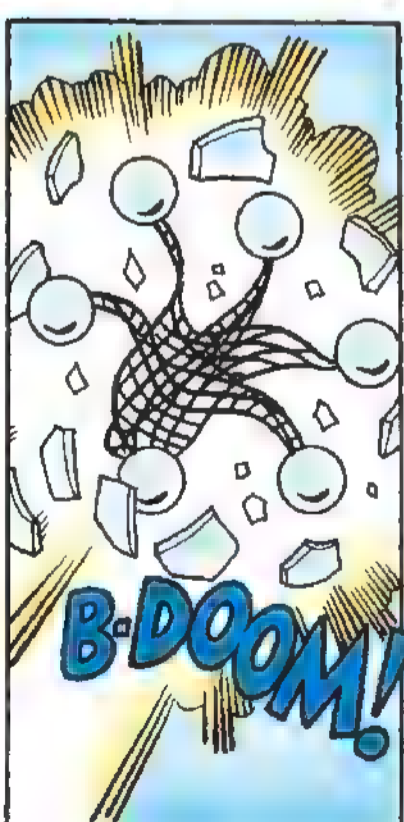
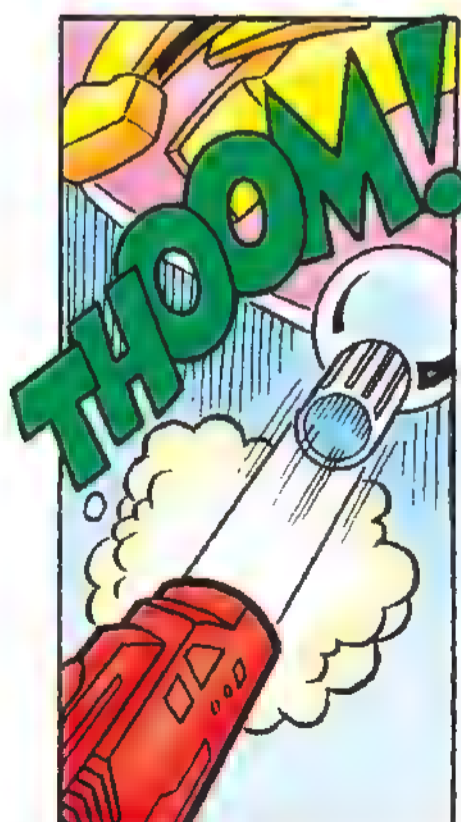
YEE-OOOWP!

**SLAP!**

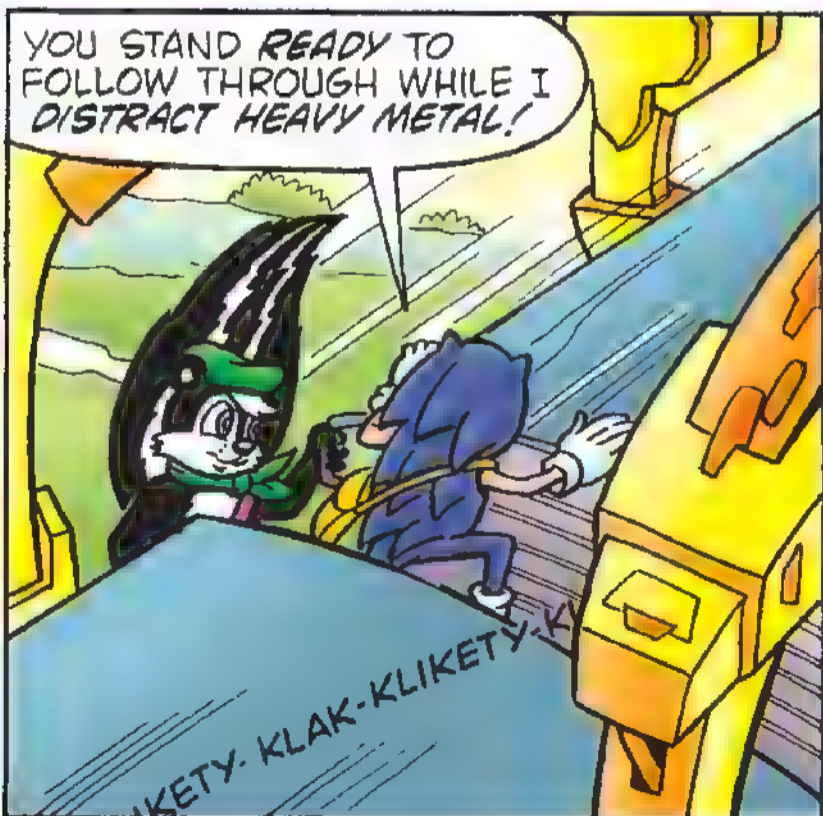
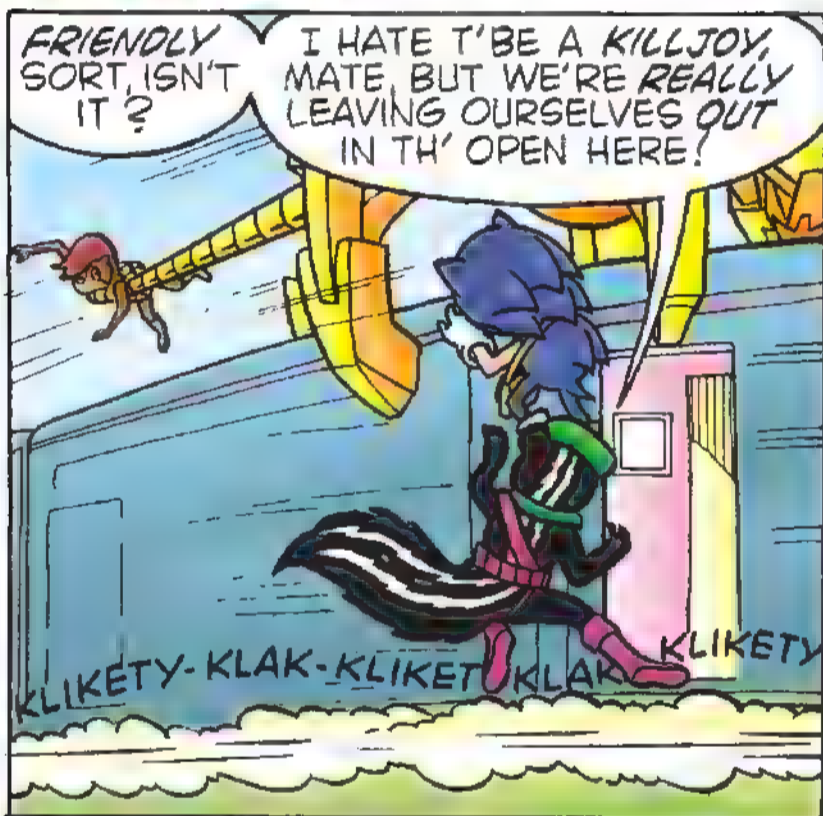
AS I WAS  
SAVING--



NEVER SEND A  
PUP TO DO A  
GROWNUP'S  
JOB!



BLIMEY!

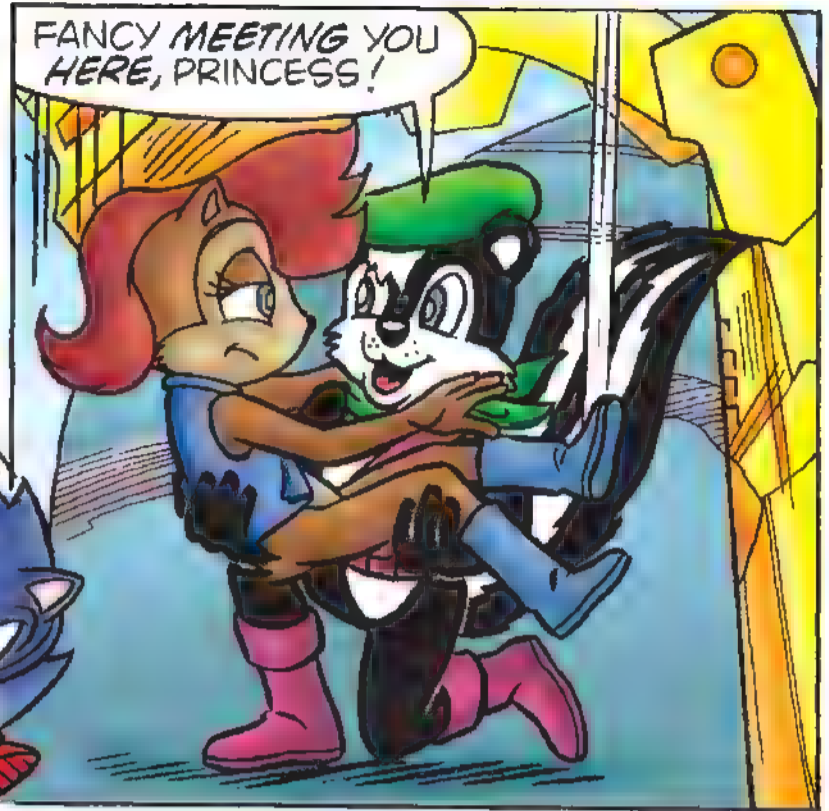




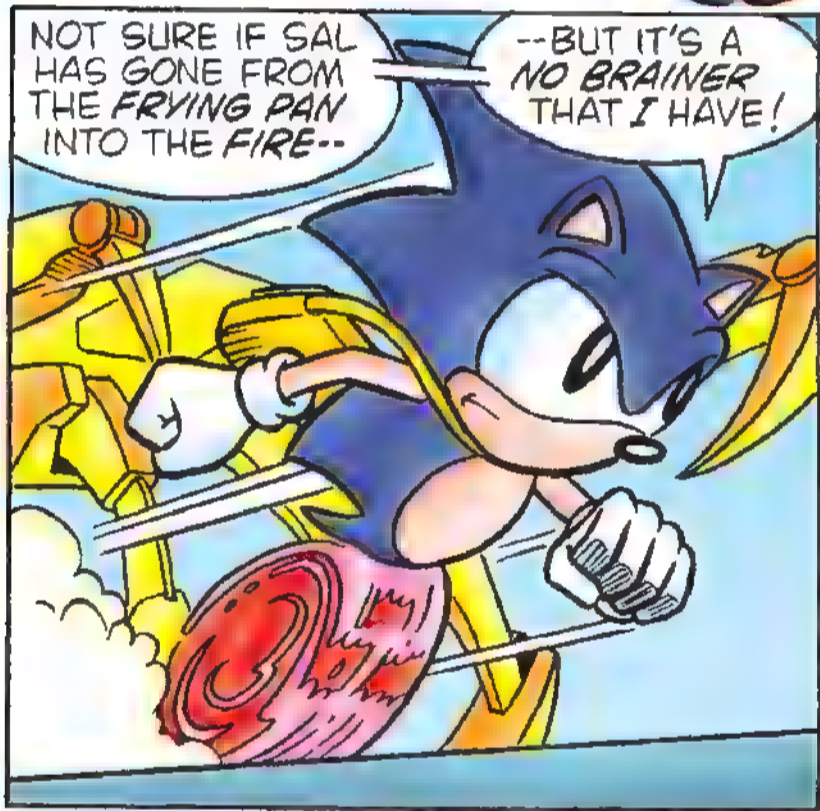
GUESS NOT!

THEN AGAIN, NOT EVERYONE CAN!

**SNAP!**

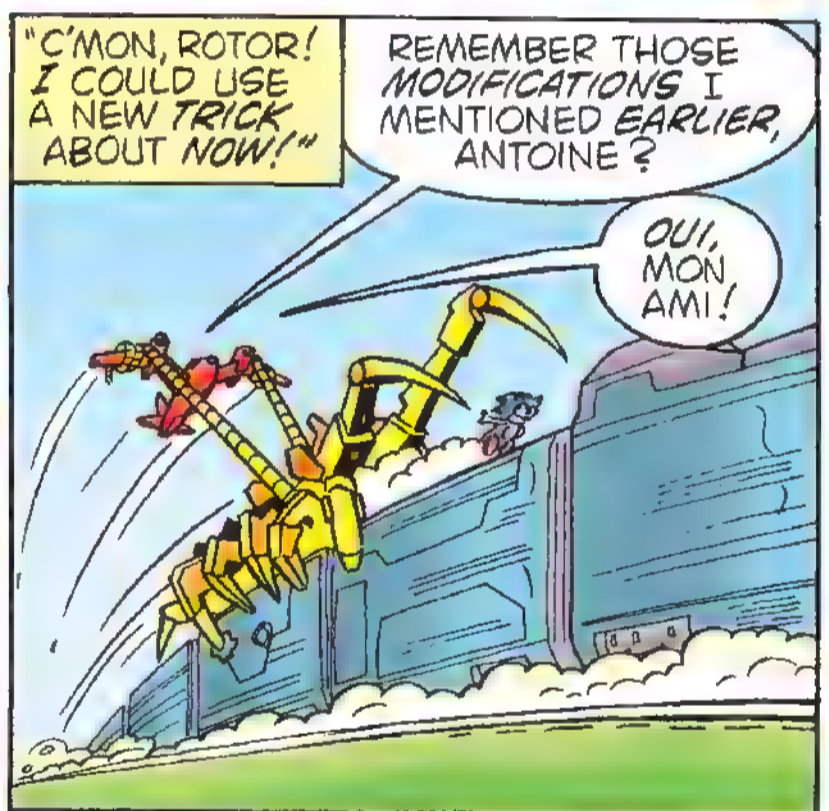


FANCY MEETING YOU HERE, PRINCESS!



NOT SURE IF SAL HAS GONE FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE--

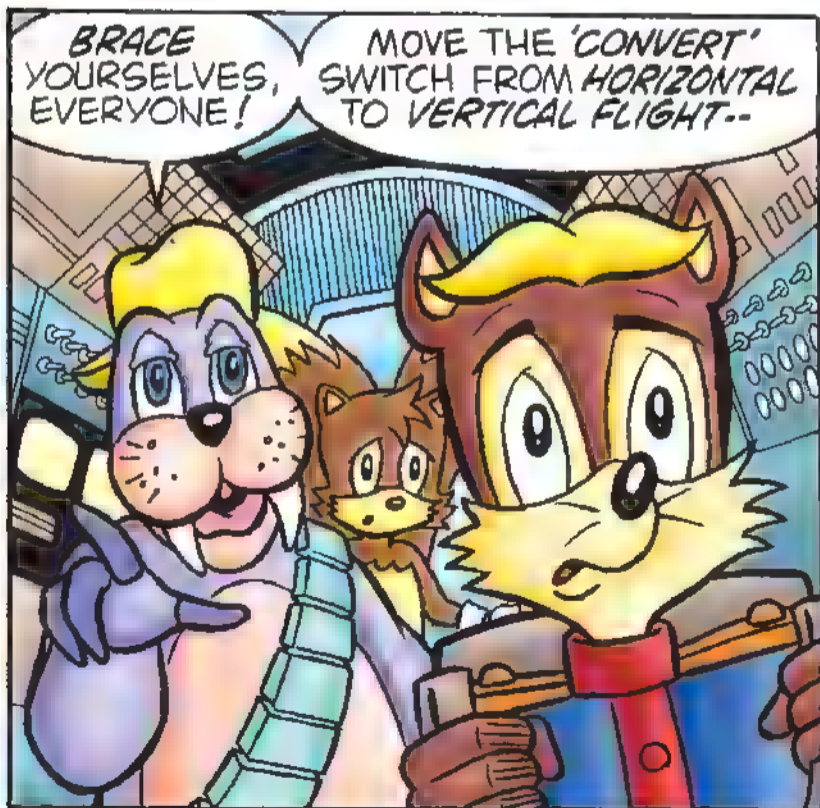
--BUT IT'S A NO BRAINER THAT I HAVE!



"C'MON, ROTOR! I COULD USE A NEW TRICK ABOUT NOW!"

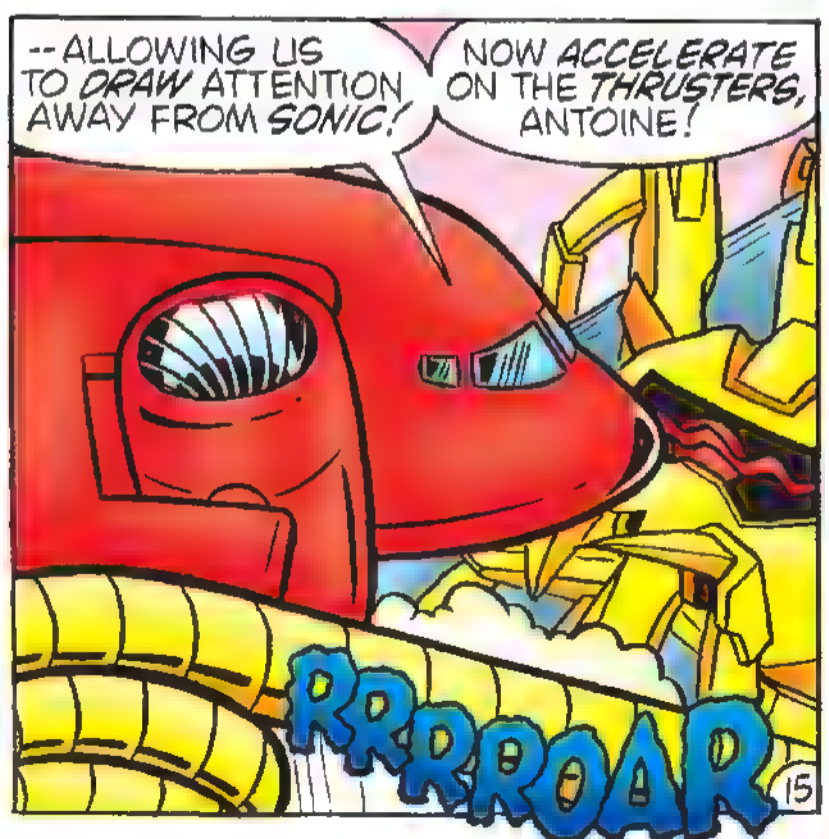
REMEMBER THOSE MODIFICATIONS I MENTIONED EARLIER, ANTOINE?

OUI, MON AMI!



BRACE YOURSELVES, EVERYONE!

MOVE THE 'CONVERT' SWITCH FROM HORIZONTAL TO VERTICAL FLIGHT--

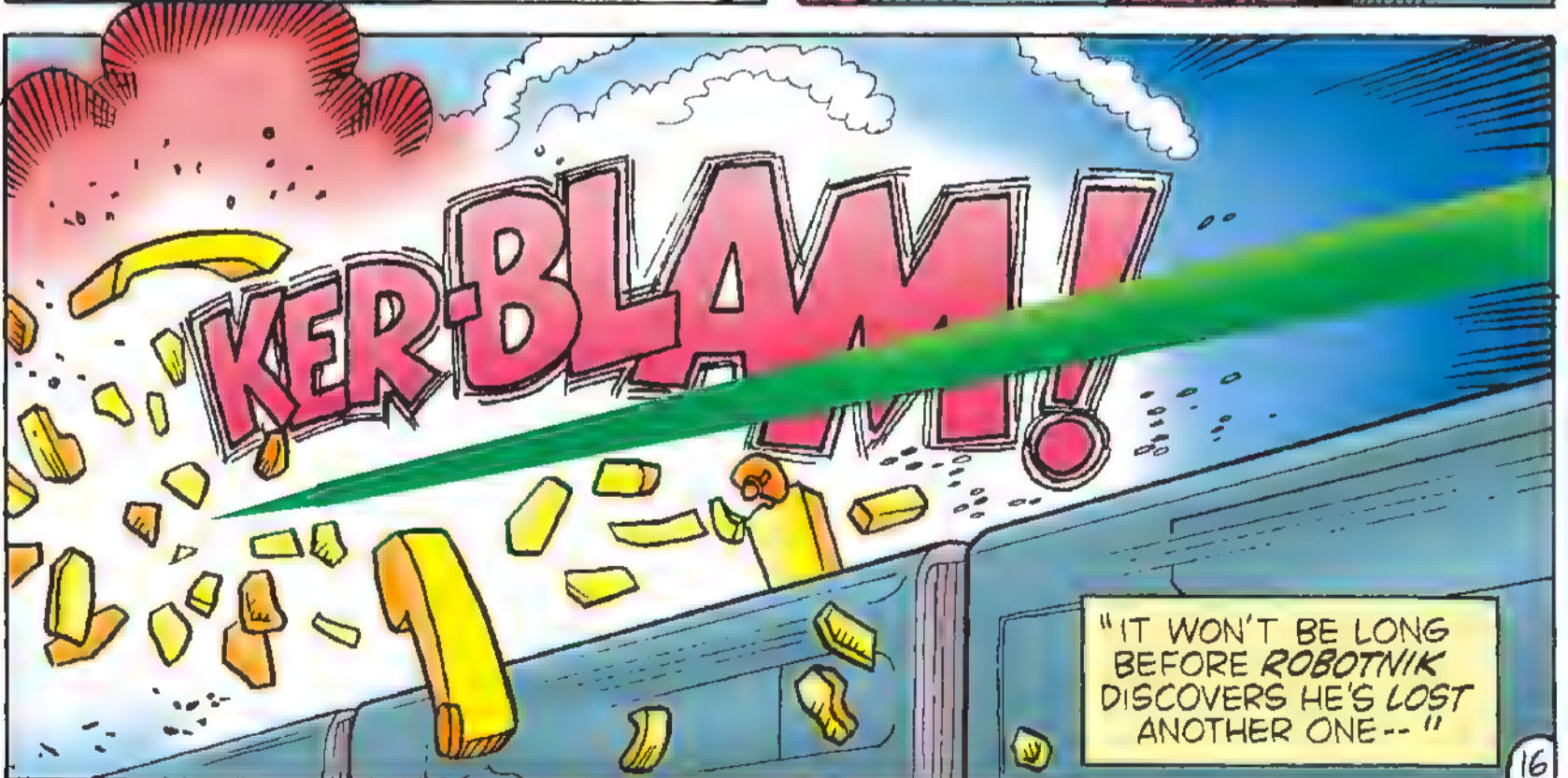
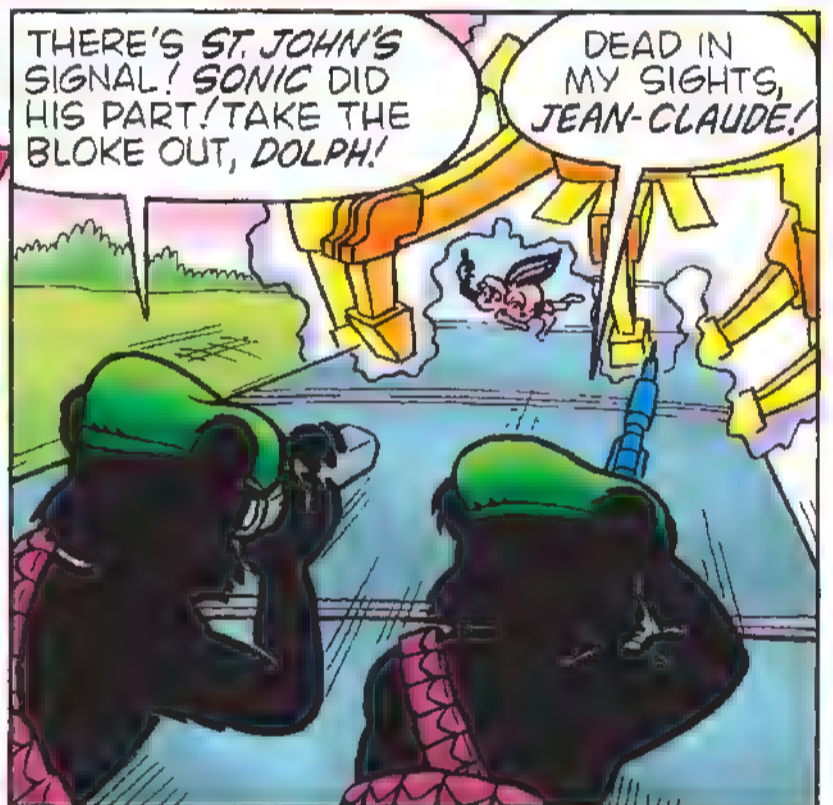
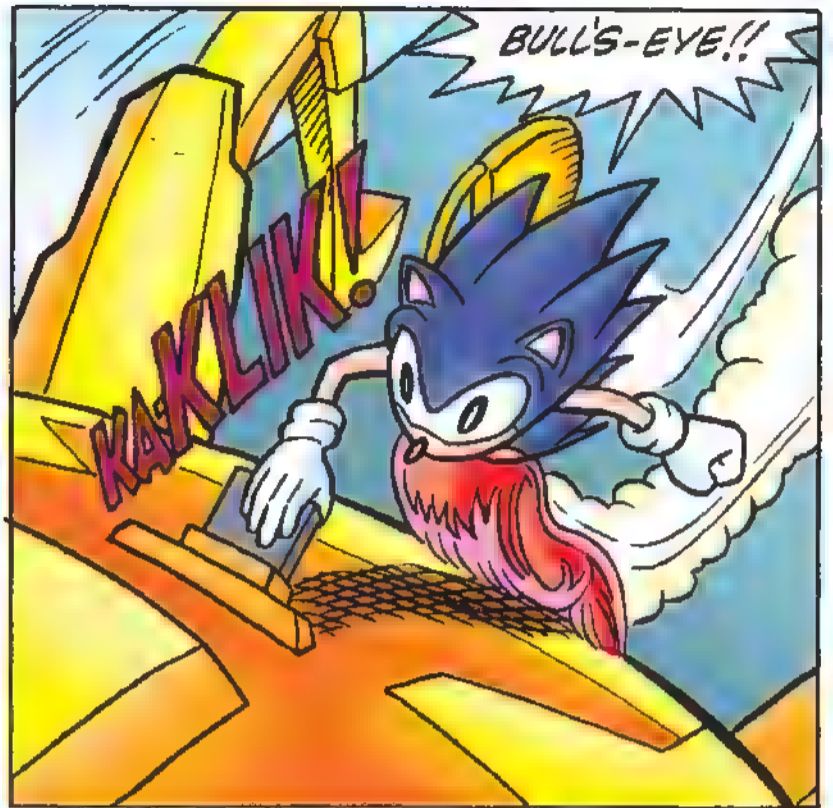
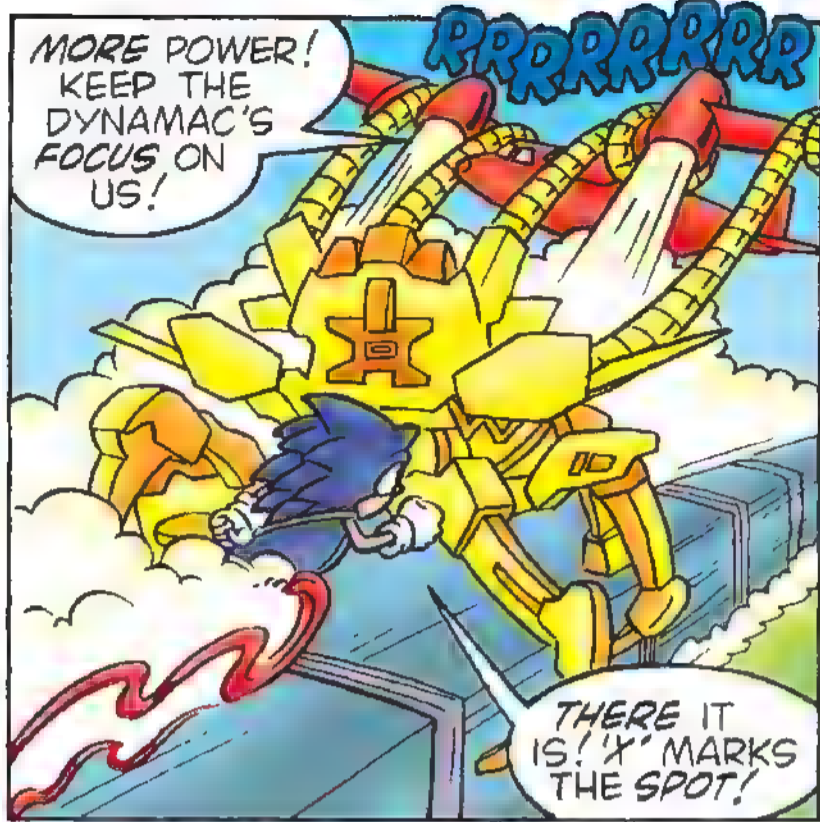


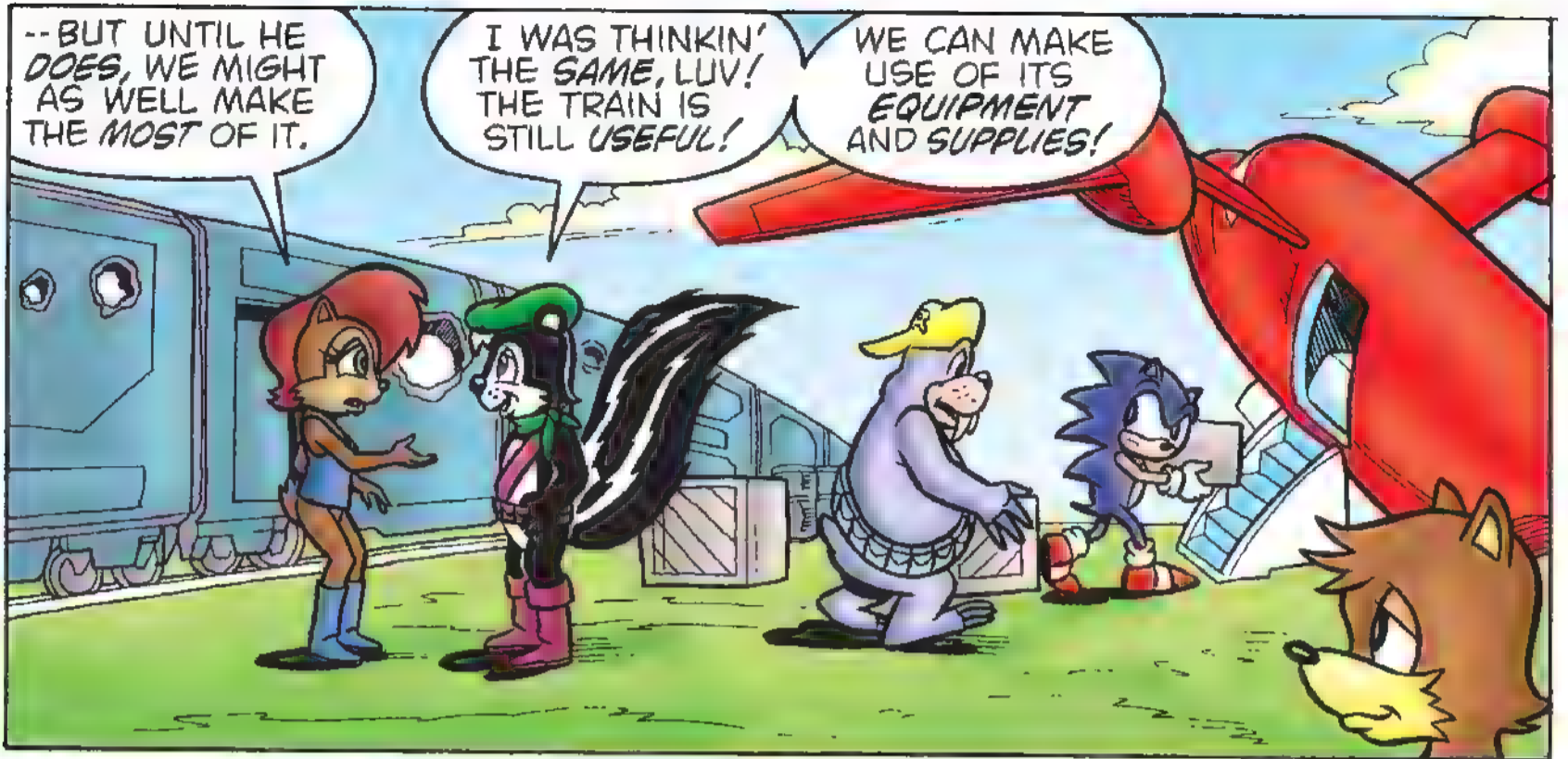
--ALLOWING US TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM SONIC!

NOW ACCELERATE ON THE THRUSTERS, ANTOINE!

**RRRROAR** 15







-- BUT UNTIL HE DOES, WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

I WAS THINKIN' THE SAME, LUV! THE TRAIN IS STILL USEFUL!

WE CAN MAKE USE OF ITS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES!



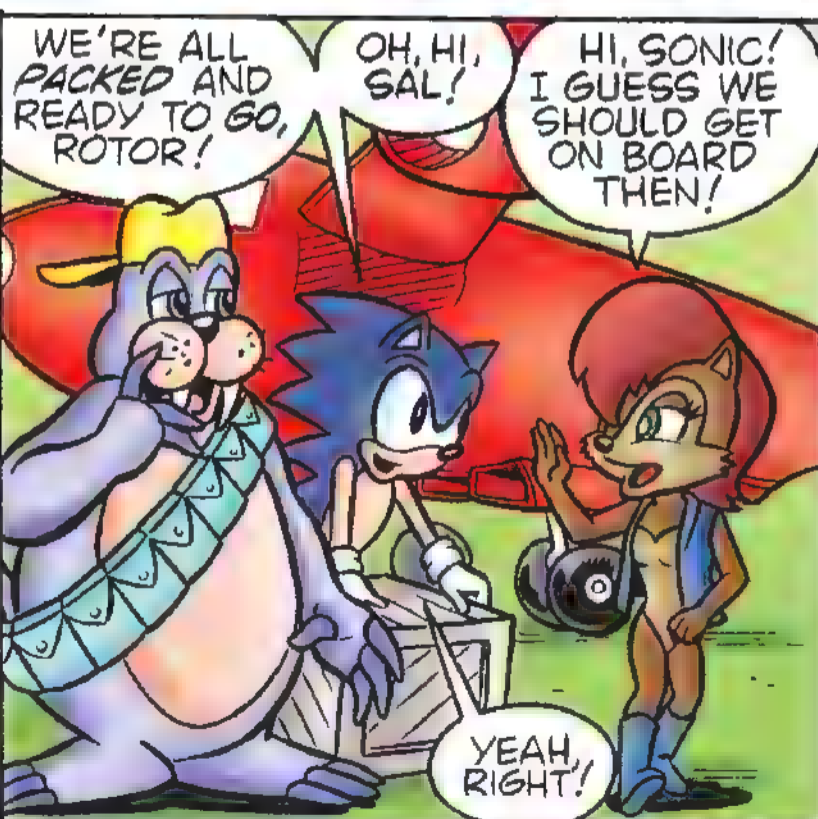
UNTIL NEXT TIME, PRINCESS...!



I DON'T THINK SONIC IS GONNA LIKE THIS!

I FAIL TO SEE WHAT SHE SEES IN ZAT COMMONAIR!

HER TASTE IN ZE MEN, IT LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED!



WE'RE ALL PACKED AND READY TO GO, ROTOR!

OH, HI, SAL!

HI, SONIC! I GUESS WE SHOULD GET ON BOARD THEN!

YEAH, RIGHT!



SHE'S JUST TRYING TO GET ME JEALOUS OVER SOME GEEK WITH A BERET!

WELL, TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME!

WELL, GANG, WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD WIN THE HAND OF THE FAIR PRINCESS SALLY? WRITE US AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE IN FUTURE ISSUES!

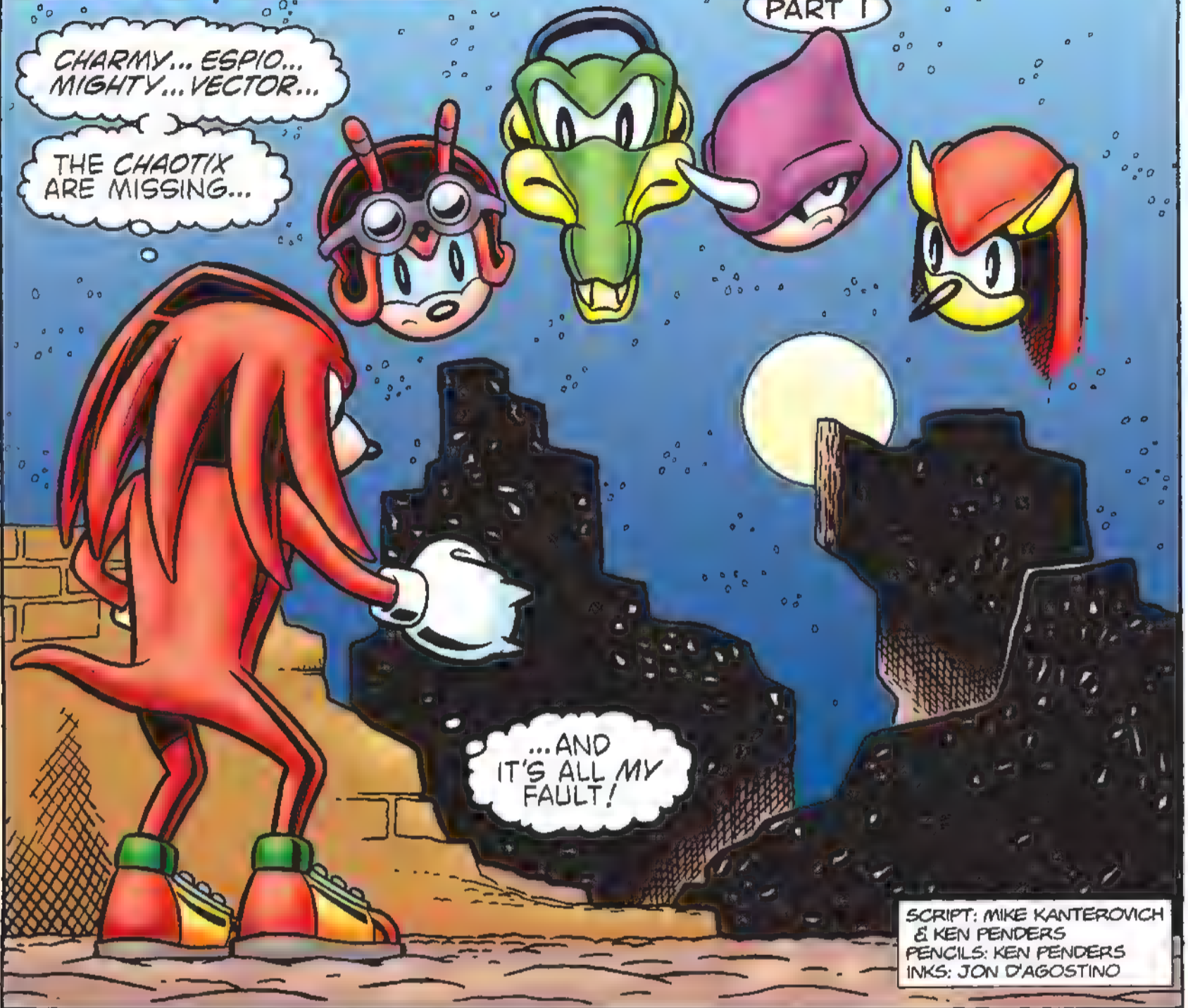
SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS  
**KNUCKLES**™

**LOST... AND FOUND!**

PART I

CHARMY... ESPIO...  
MIGHTY... VECTOR...

THE CHAOTIX  
ARE MISSING...



...AND  
IT'S ALL MY  
FAULT!

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PENCILS: KEN PENDERS  
INKS: JON D'AGOSTINO

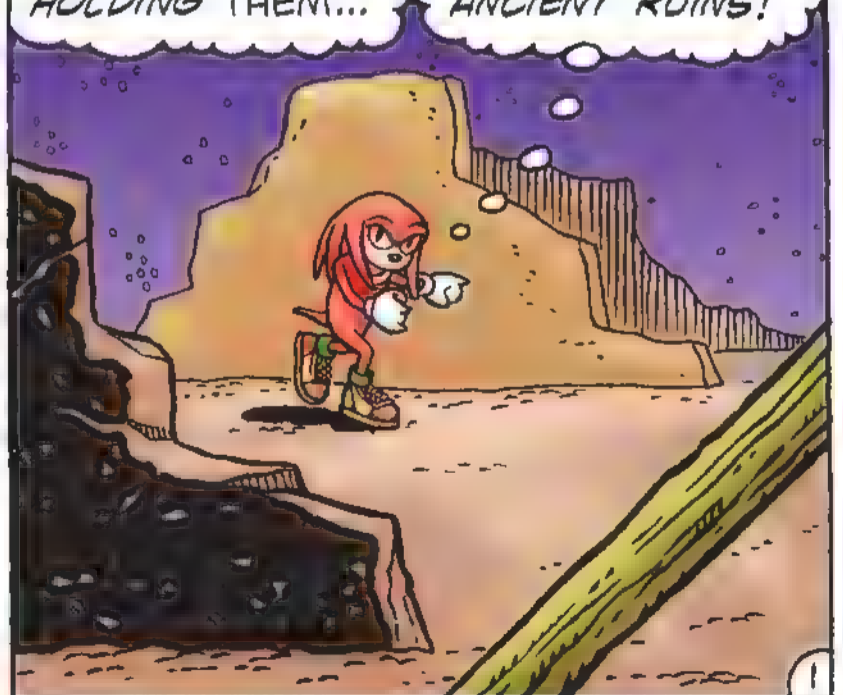
WELL -- MAYBE I  
CAN SHARE SOME  
OF THE BLAME...

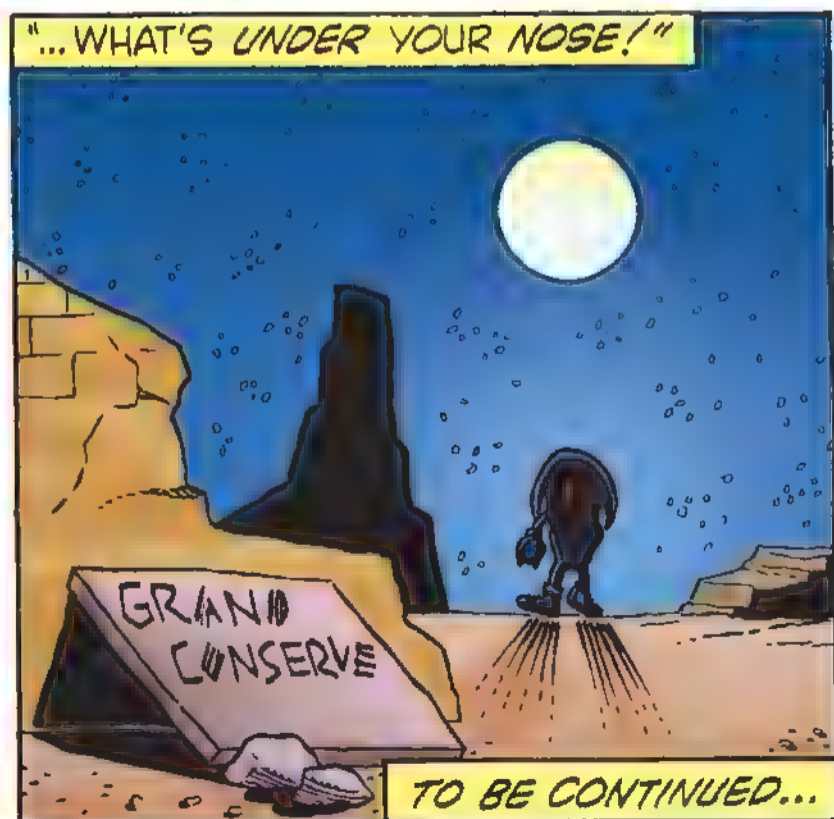
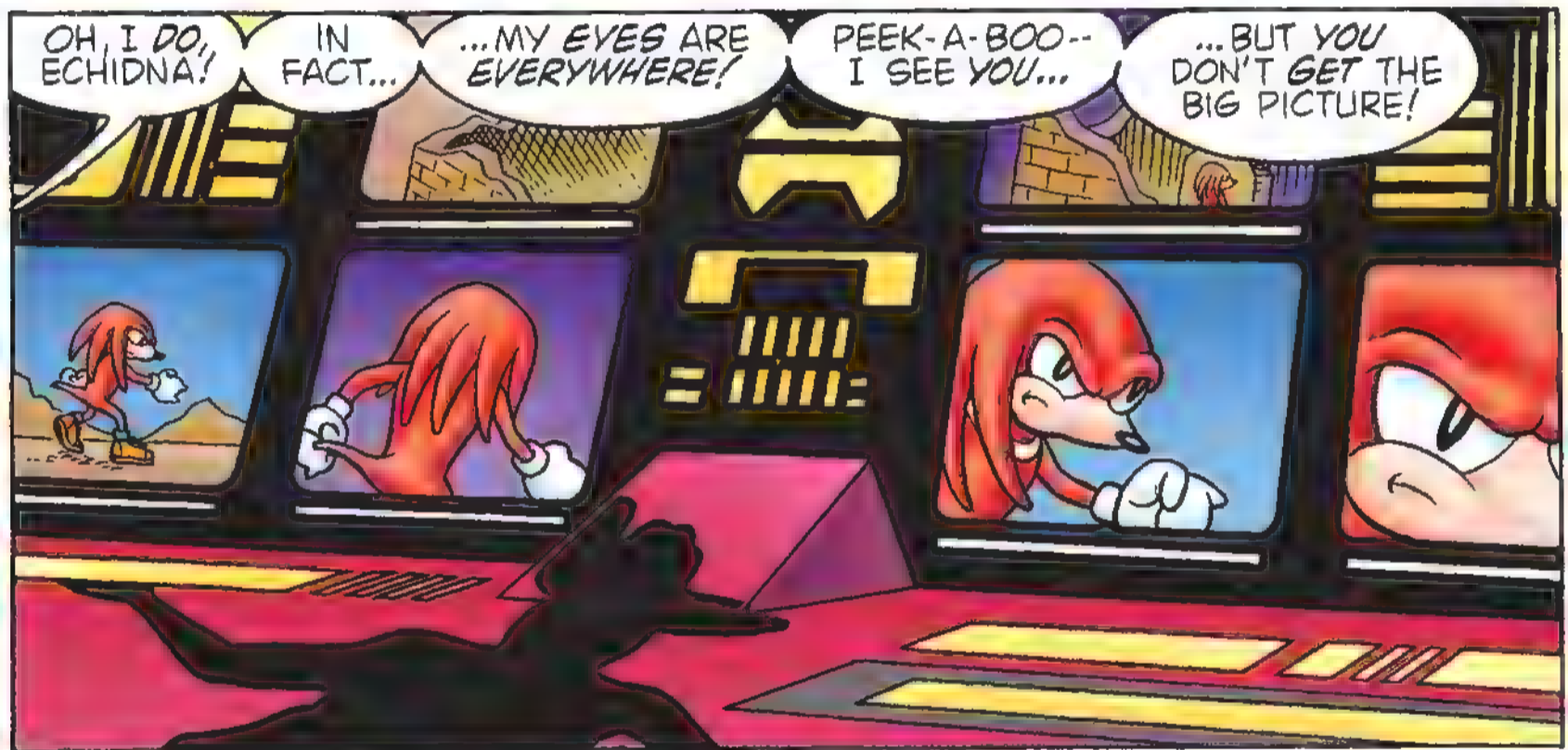
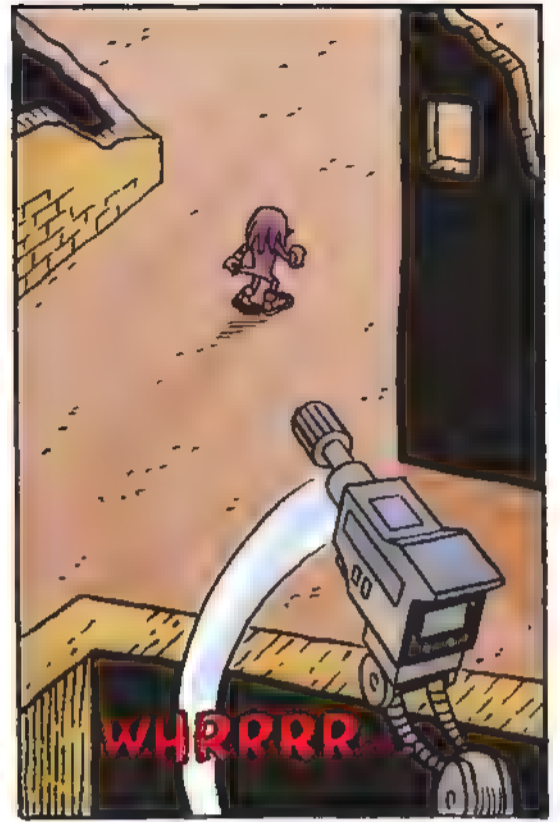
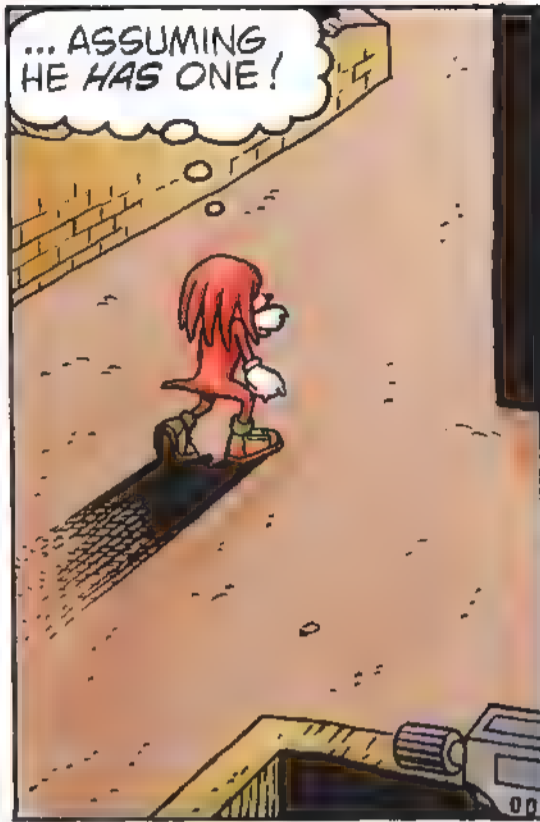
... WITH  
ARCHIMEDES!



NOT SURE WHERE  
"MR. MYSTERY" IS  
HOLDING THEM...

... BUT IT CAN'T BE  
FAR FROM THESE  
ANCIENT RUINS!





# ROTOR!

in

# Tundra ROAD

- PART ONE -



HMM? HUH? WHO--  
**AAAAAIEE!**

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PENCILS: ART MAWHINNEY  
INKS: RICH KOSLOWSKI



HOLY ABALONE! I MUST'VE BEEN DREAMING! FOR A SECOND, I THOUGHT --



YES?.. SONIC! SALLY!

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, BIG GUY--

WE HEARD A SCREAM... ARE YOU OKAY?



OH...THAT! I GUESS I HAD A NIGHTMARE! I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING FROM THIS OLD RADIO, BUT IT HASN'T WORKED FOR YEARS!

WHY NOT?



IT'S AN ANTIQUE! MY FIRST PIECE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT! I'VE KEPT IT FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS! IT WAS A GIFT FROM...

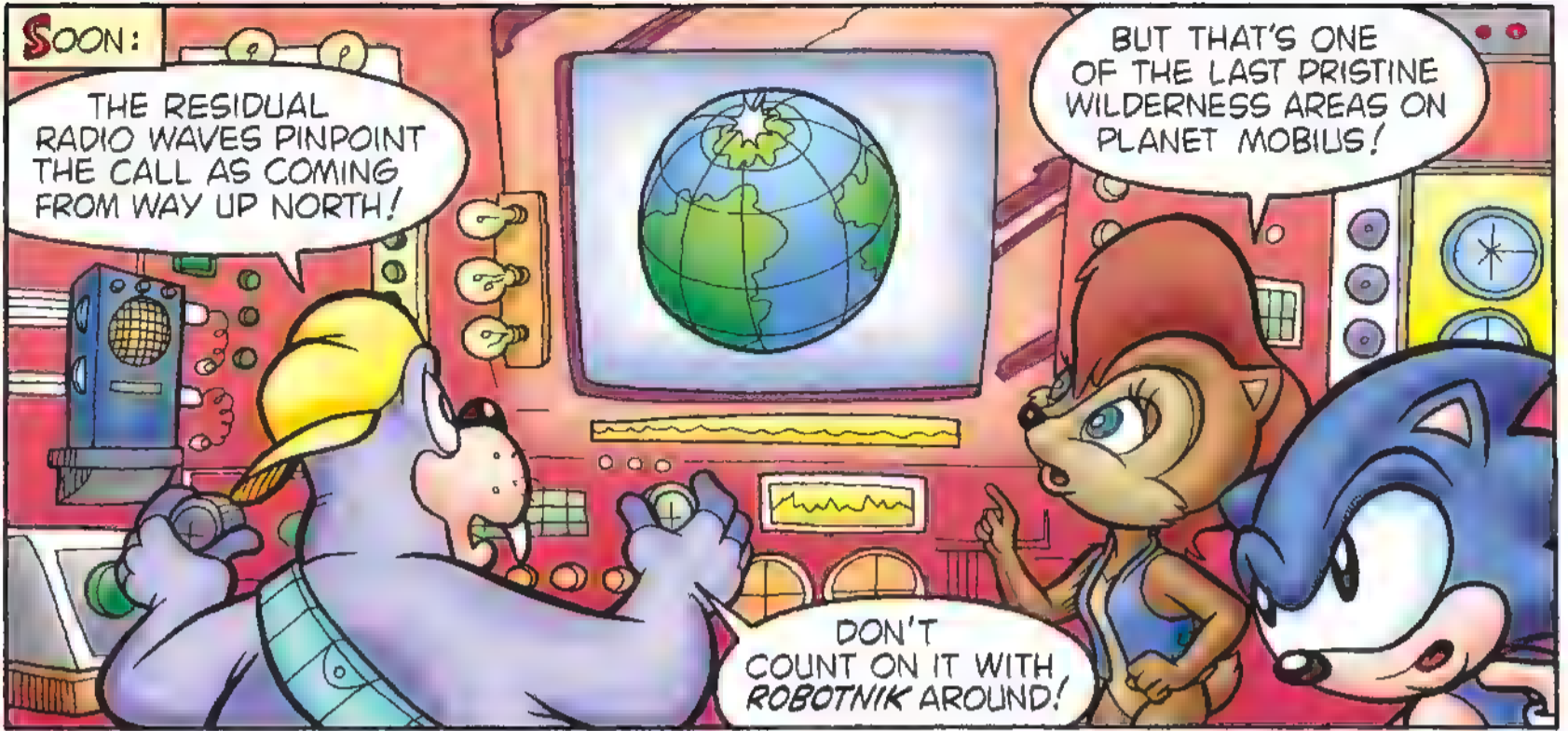


**ROTOR!**  
HELP US!

MY MOM!  
THAT'S HER VOICE!

HUH? I THOUGHT SHE LIVED IN THE FROZEN NORTH SEA!

SOMETHING'S UP!  
LET'S GET TO THE LAB!



SOON:

THE RESIDUAL RADIO WAVES PINPOINT THE CALL AS COMING FROM WAY UP NORTH!

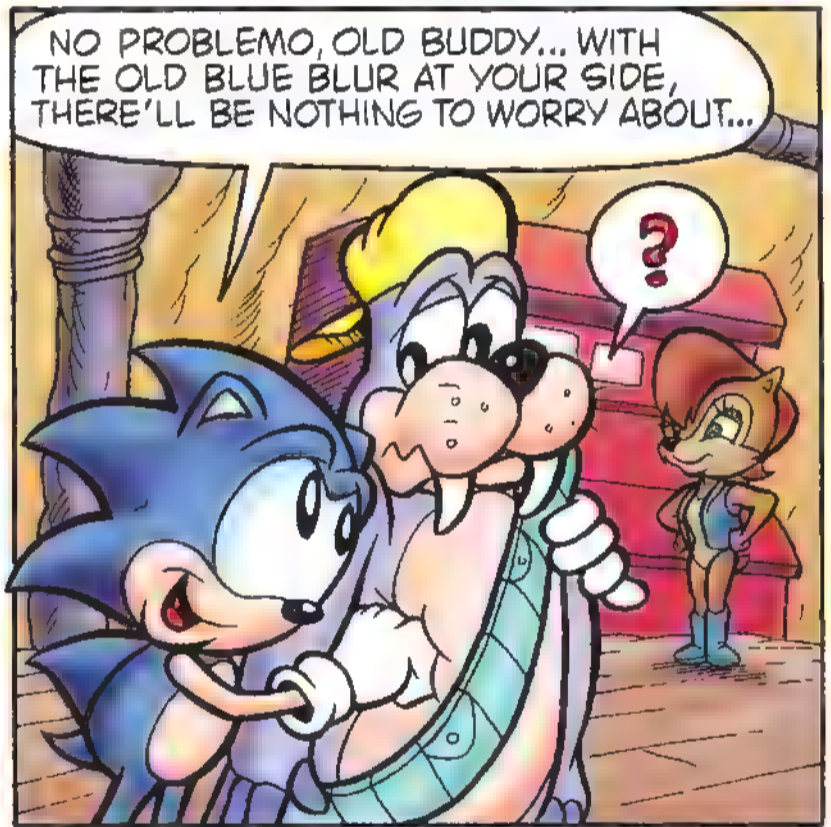
BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE LAST PRISTINE WILDERNESS AREAS ON PLANET MOBIUS!

DON'T COUNT ON IT WITH ROBOTNIK AROUND!



PRINCESS SALLY... REQUEST PERMISS--

NO NEED TO BE FORMAL, ROTOR... GO WITH MY BLESSING!



NO PROBLEMO, OLD BUDDY... WITH THE OLD BLUE BLUR AT YOUR SIDE, THERE'LL BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...

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SORRY, PAL... I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, BUT THIS IS FAMILY BUSINESS!

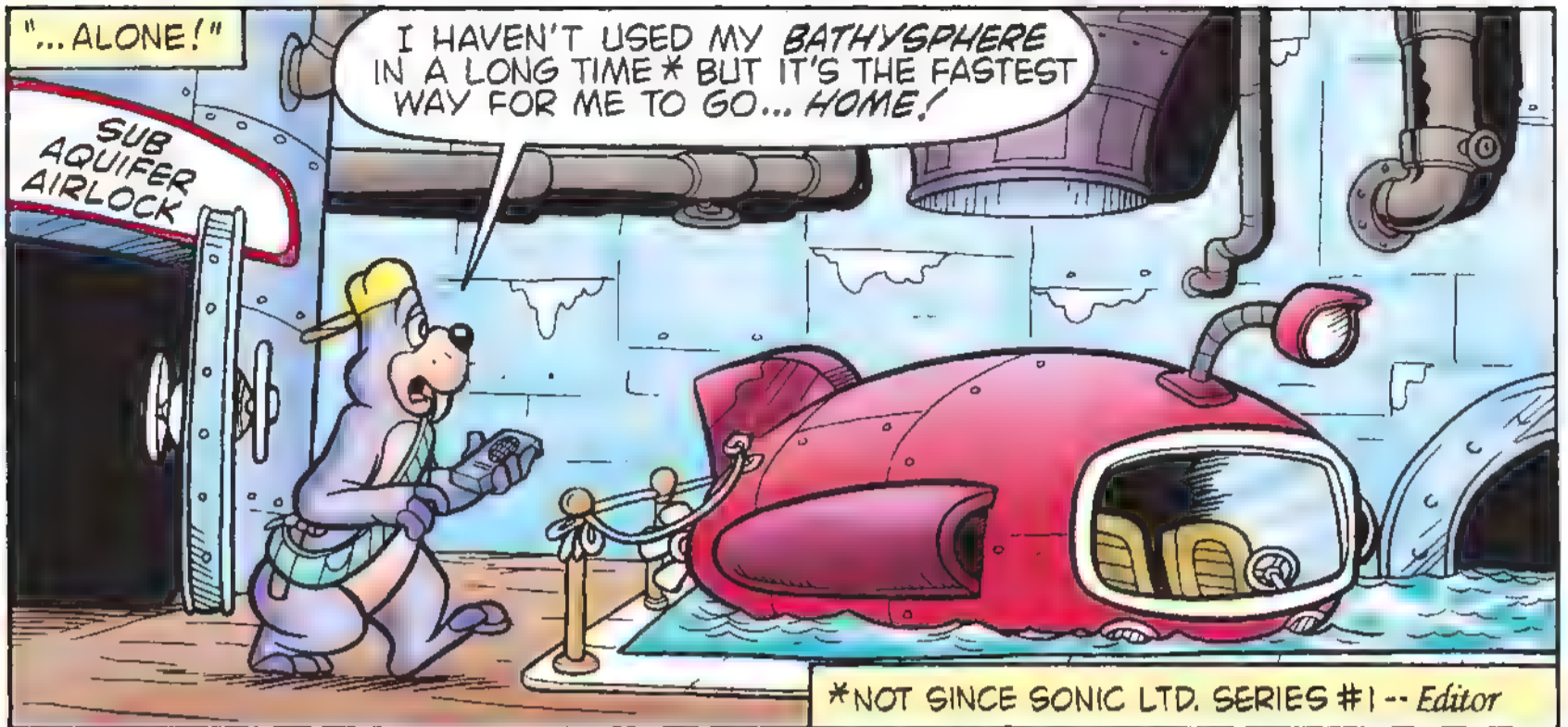
Homina, Homina, Homina HUH?



SALLY...

DING!  
▲ ELEVATOR ▼

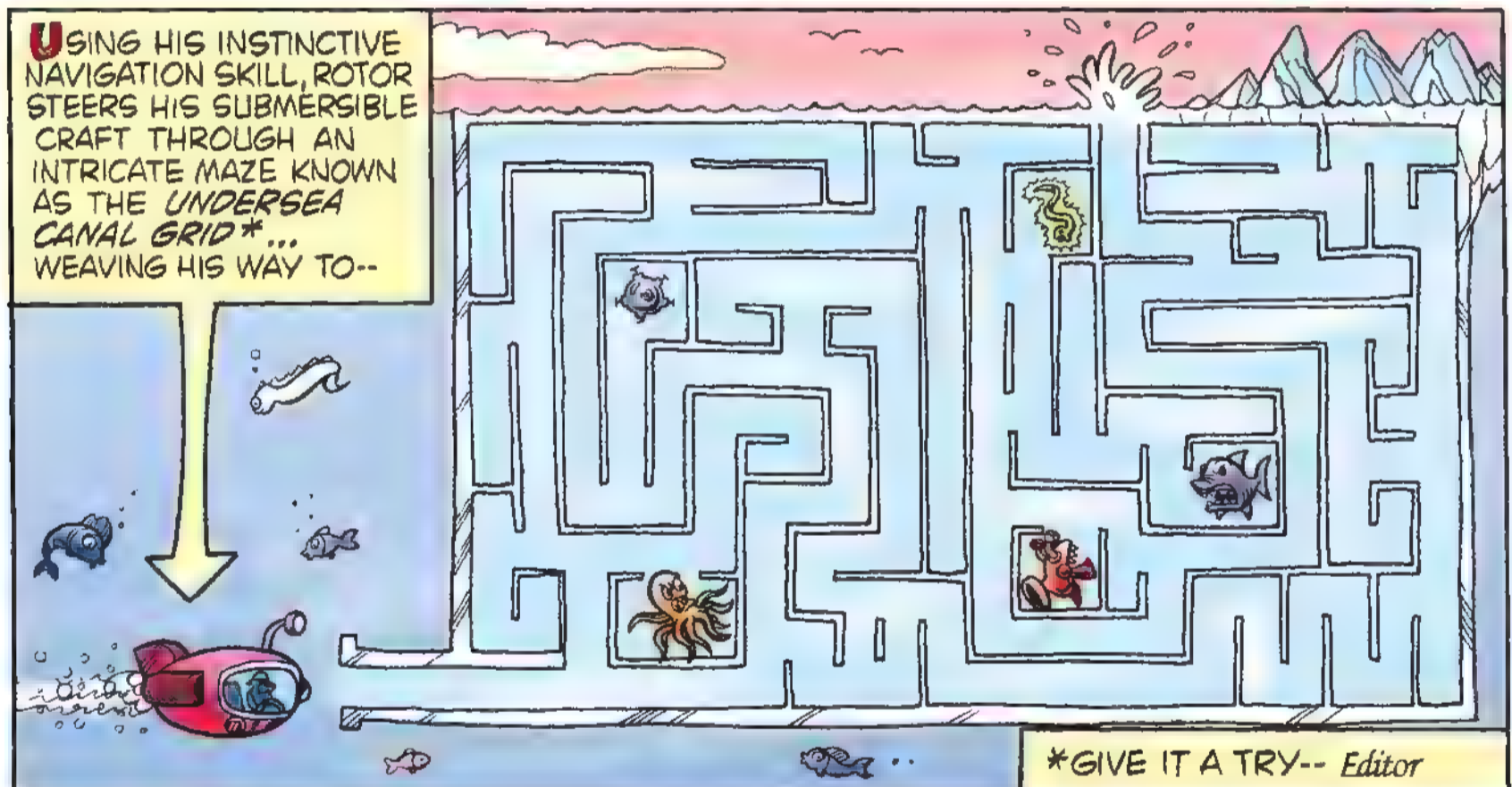
YOU HEARD THE MAN, SONIC... THIS IS SOMETHING HE'S GOTTA DO...



"...ALONE!"

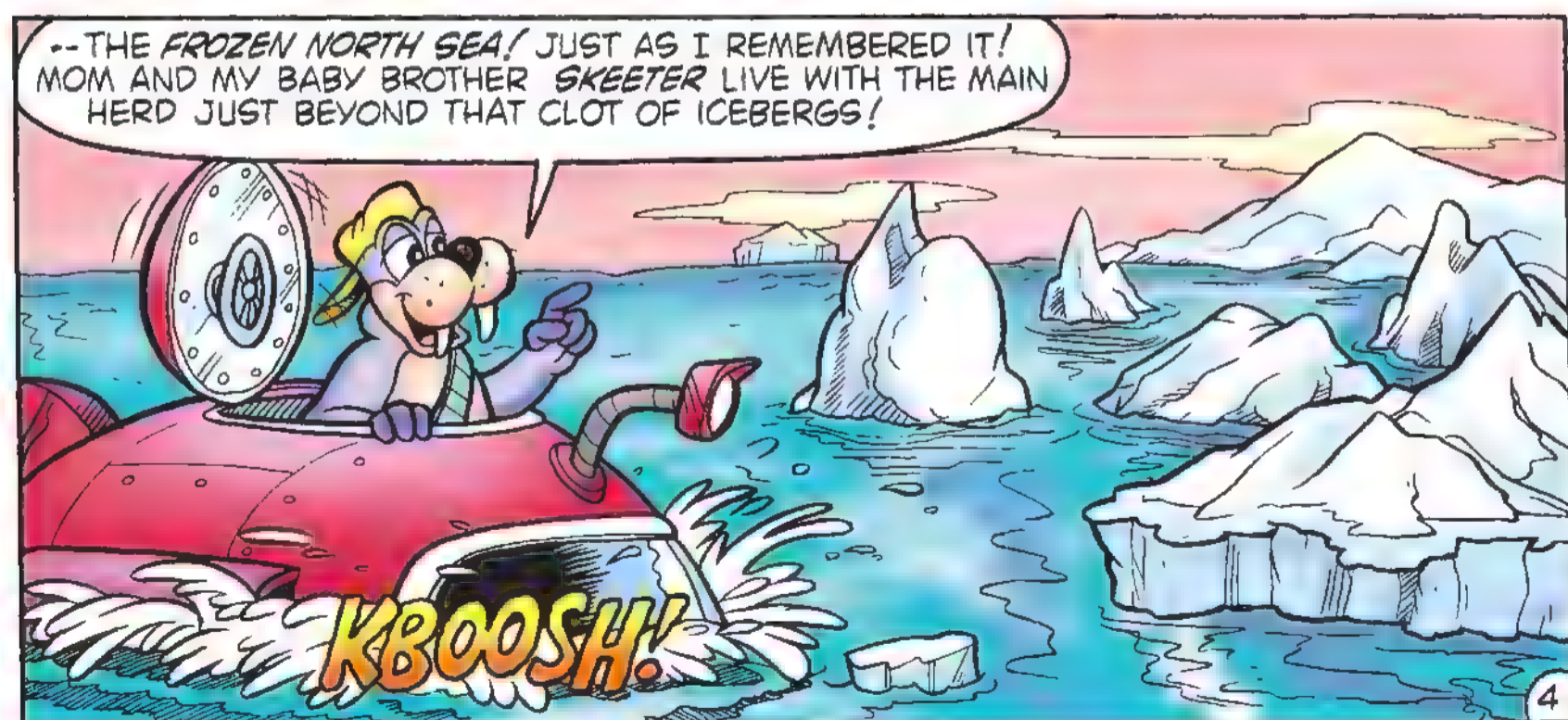
I HAVEN'T USED MY BATHYSPHERE IN A LONG TIME \* BUT IT'S THE FASTEST WAY FOR ME TO GO... HOME!

\*NOT SINCE SONIC LTD. SERIES #1 -- Editor



USING HIS INSTINCTIVE NAVIGATION SKILL, ROTOR STEERS HIS SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT THROUGH AN INTRICATE MAZE KNOWN AS THE UNDERSEA CANAL GRID \* ... WEAVING HIS WAY TO--

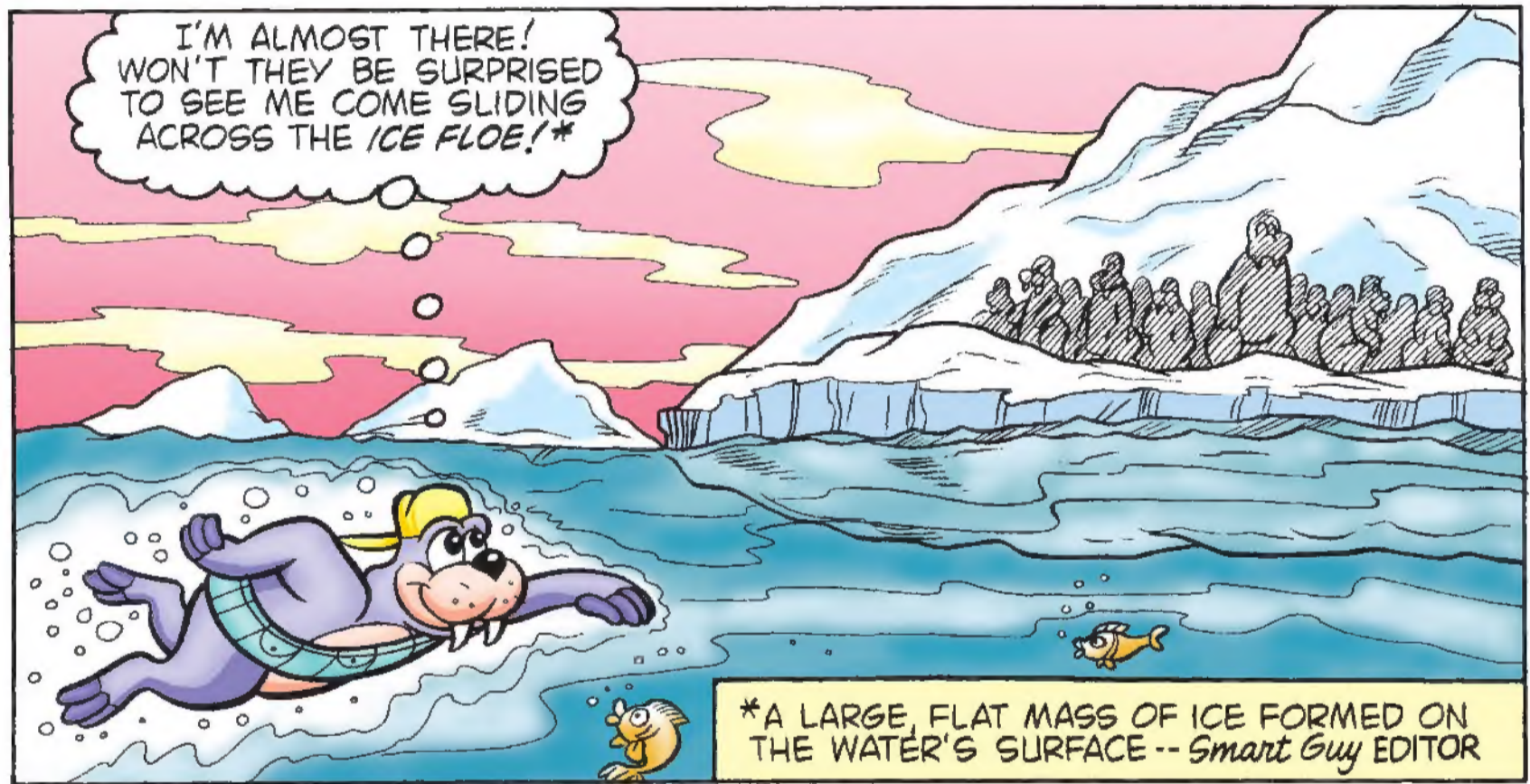
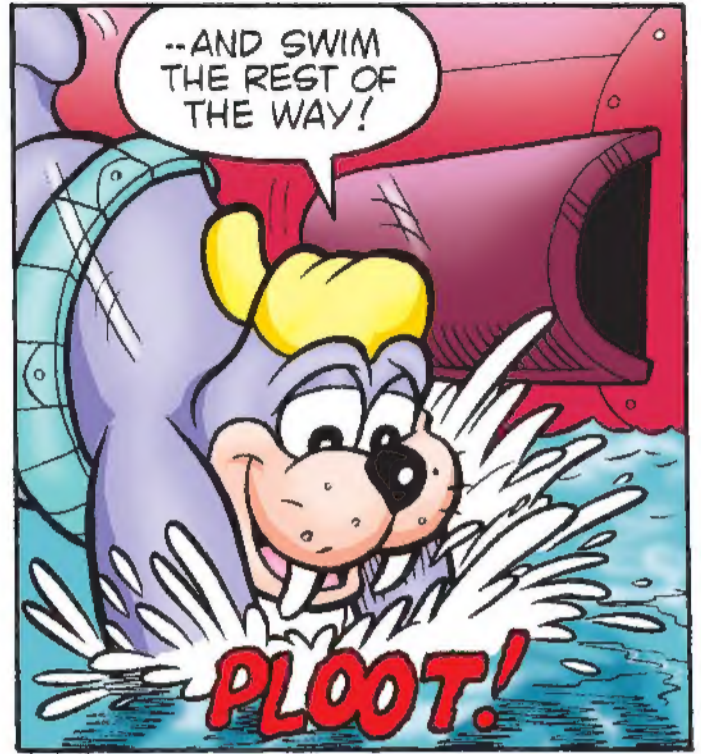
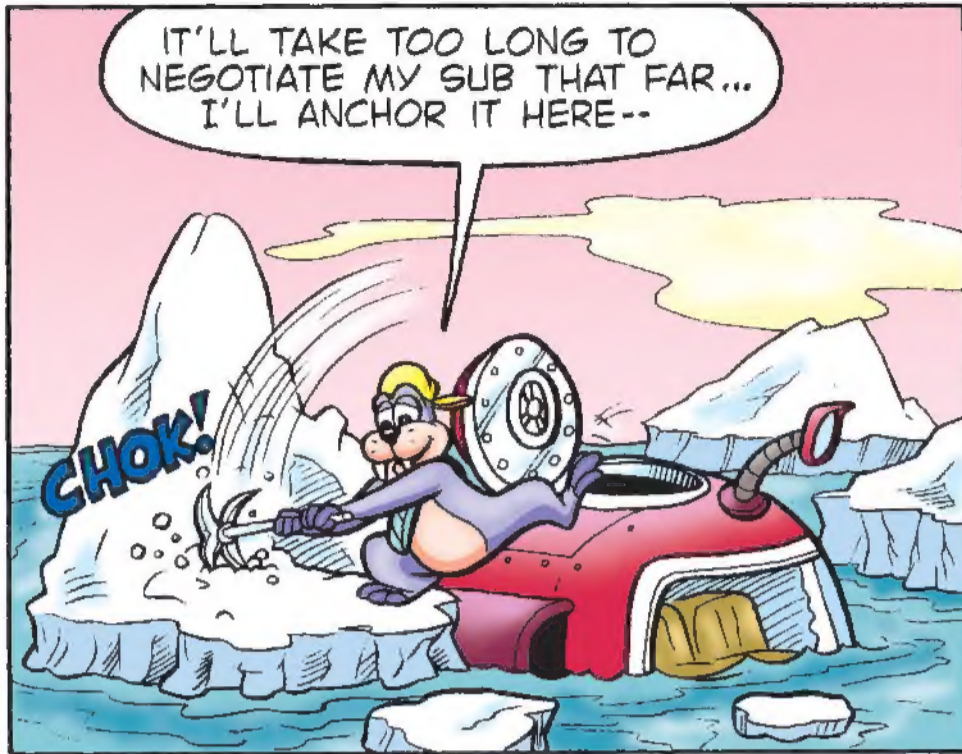
\*GIVE IT A TRY-- Editor

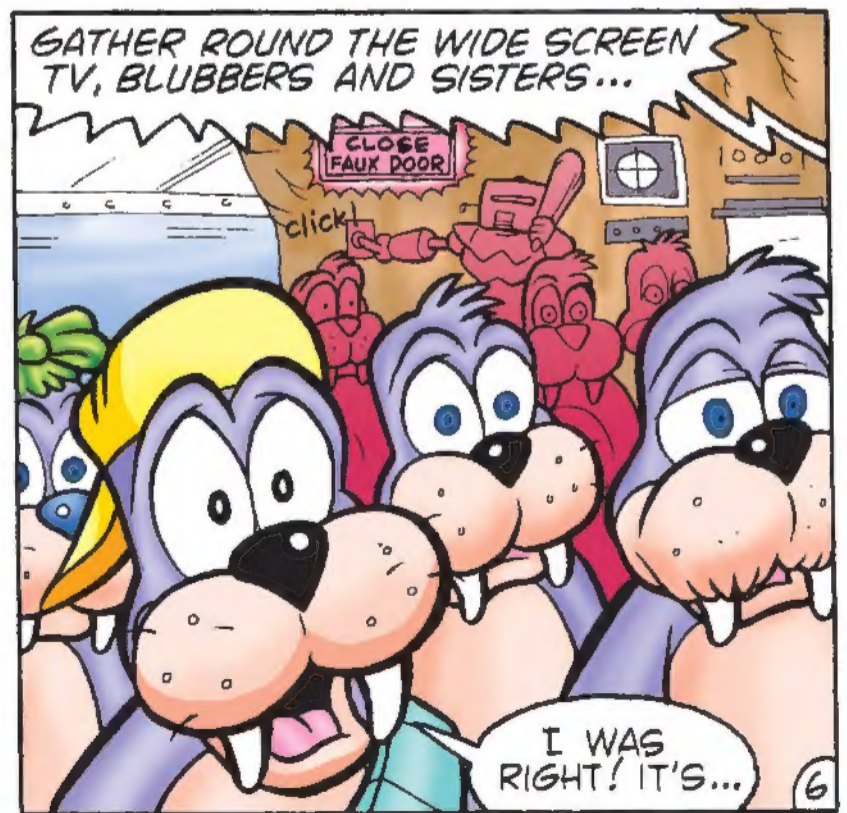
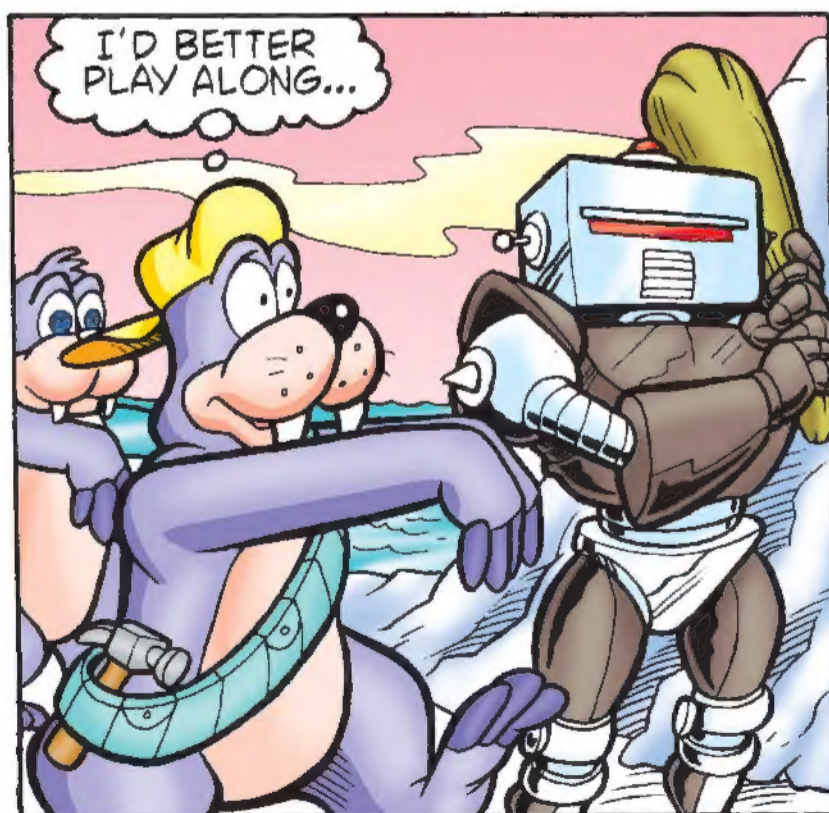
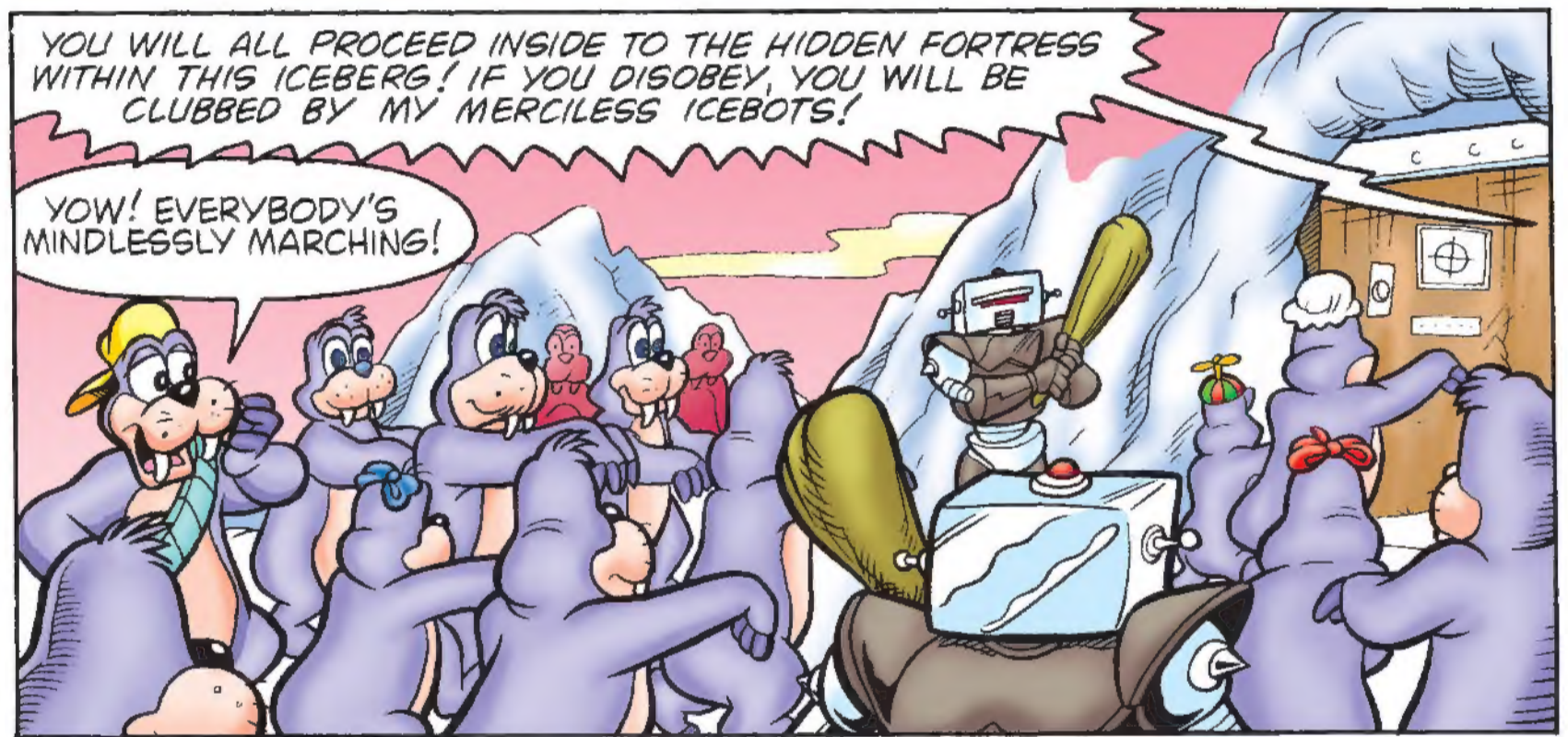
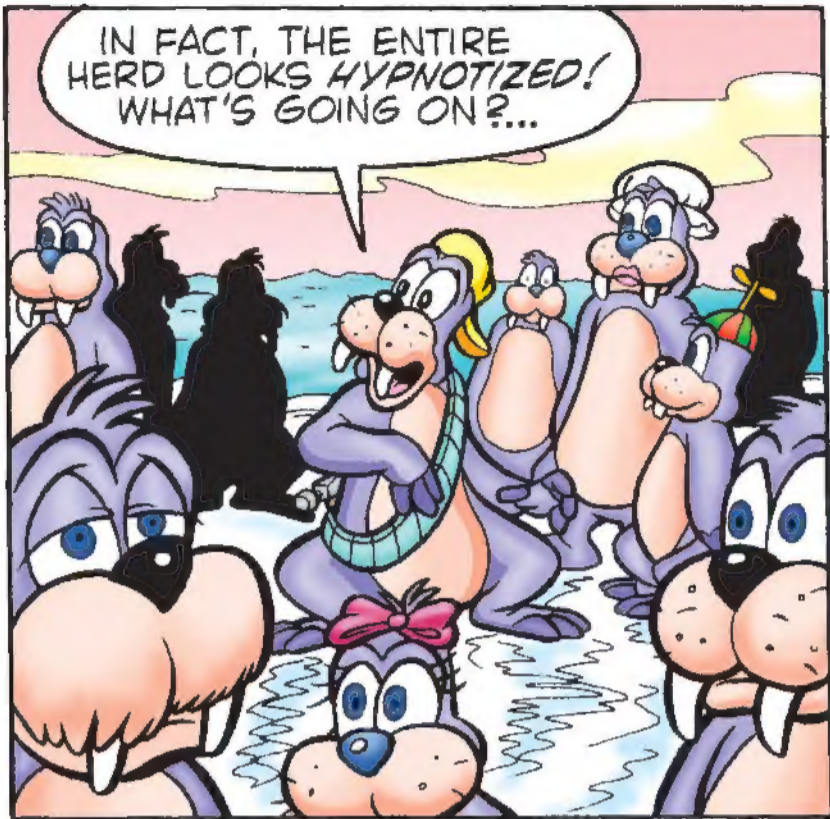


--THE FROZEN NORTH SEA! JUST AS I REMEMBERED IT! MOM AND MY BABY BROTHER SKEETER LIVE WITH THE MAIN HERD JUST BEYOND THAT CLOT OF ICEBERGS!

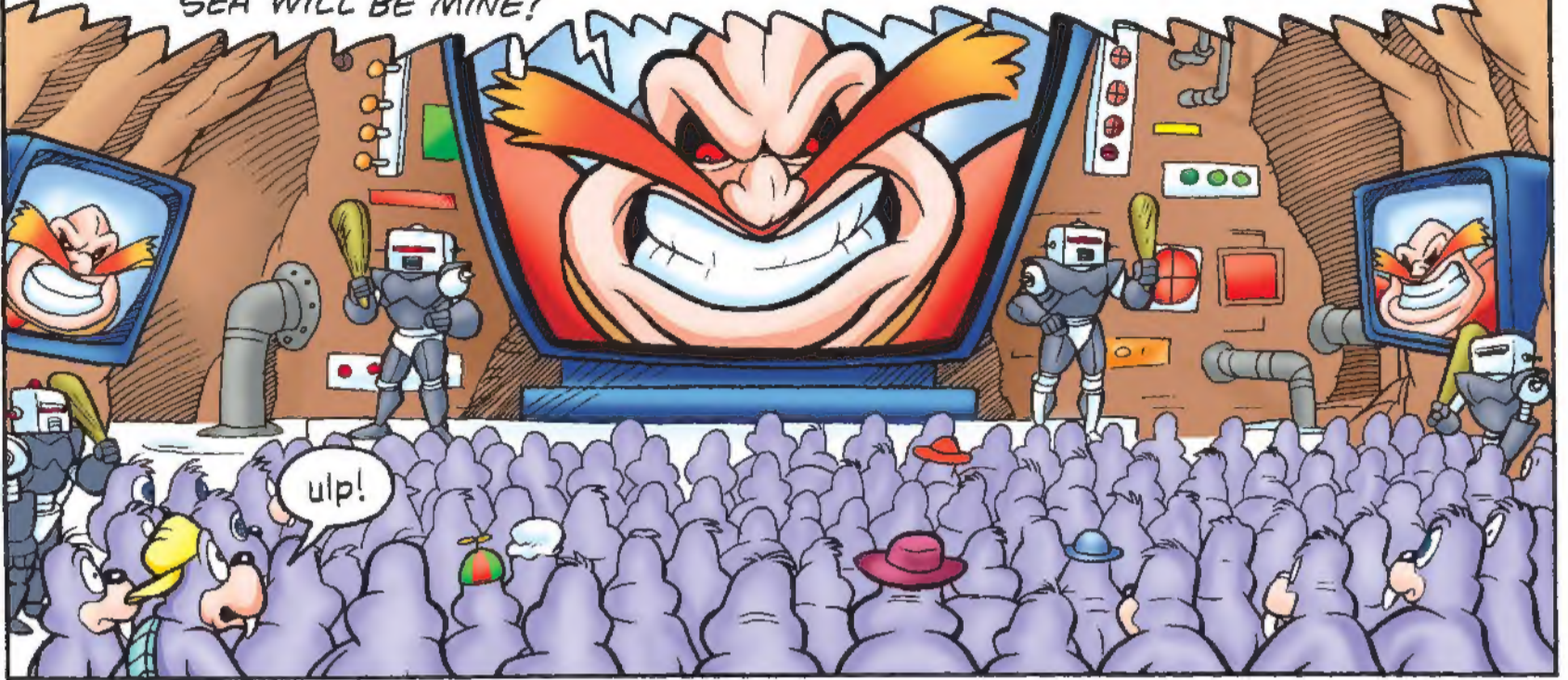
KBOOSH!







ROBOTNIK BIDS YOU WELCOME! EARLIER TODAY, I DETONATED A NEURON BOMB OVER YOUR COLONY...THE FALLOUT HAS SHORT-CIRCUITED YOUR BRAINS, MAKING YOU MY MINDLESS THRALLS! SOON, THE ENTIRE FROZEN NORTH SEA WILL BE MINE!



AT FIRST, I WAS GOING TO HAVE YOU HELP ME MELT THE POLAR ICE CAPS, CREATING A "WATERWORLD"--



--BUT THE BUDGET WAS WAY TOO HIGH!

SO... ON TO PLAN 'B'...

WITH YOUR HELP I SHALL BUILD A GIANT FREEZER UNIT, USHERING IN A NEW ICE AGE, DESTROYING ALL NON-ROBOTIC LIFE ON MOBIUS!... CAN I GET AN "AMEN"?



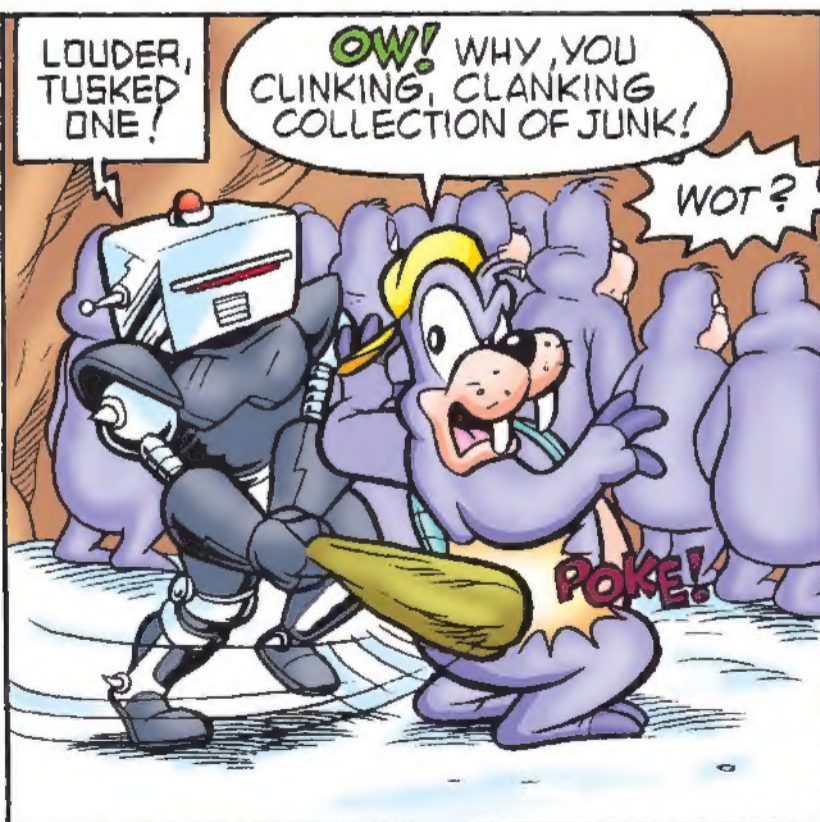
AMEN!!!

THE FIEND!

LOUDER, TUSKED ONE!

OW! WHY YOU CLINKING, CLANKING COLLECTION OF JUNK!

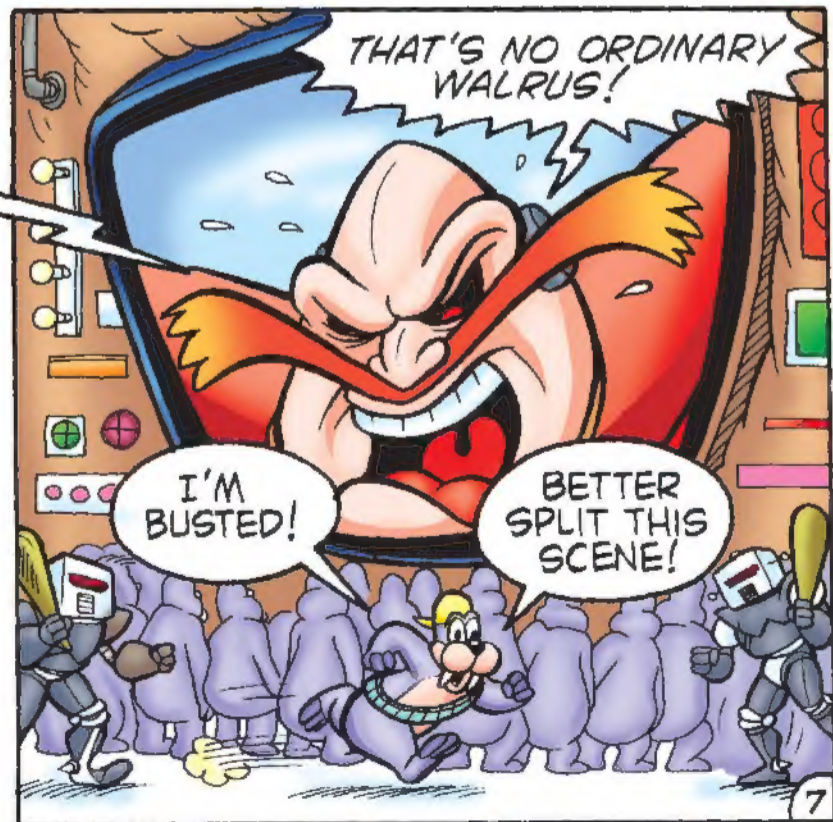
WOT?



THAT'S NO ORDINARY WALRUS!

I'M BUSTED!

BETTER SPLIT THIS SCENE!





IT'S ROTOR, THE FREEDOM FIGHTER! SEIZE HIM!

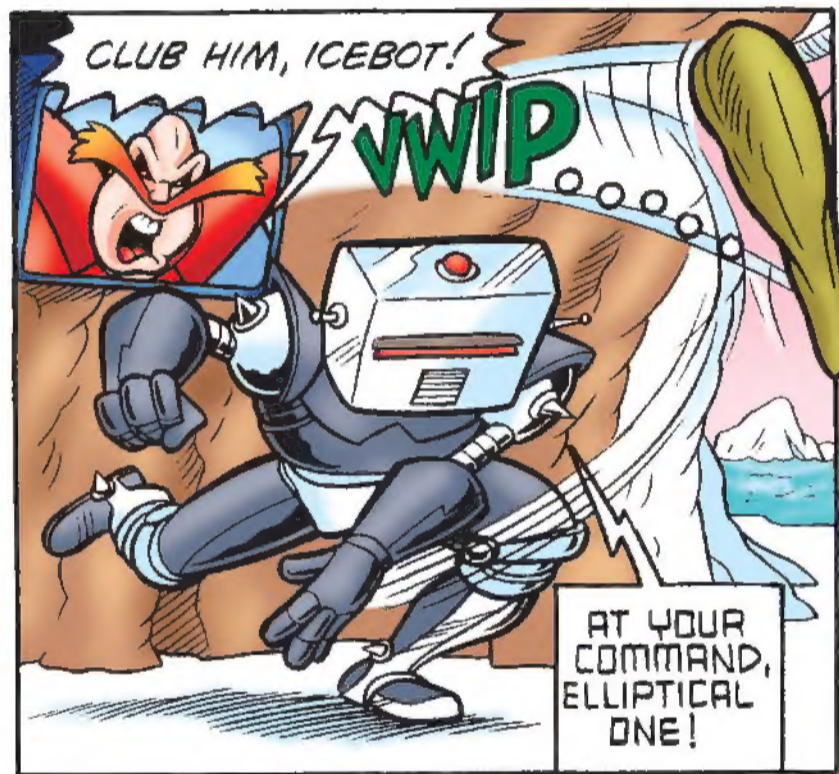
OPEN FAUX DOOR

NO WAY, FAT MAN!



HALT IN THE NAME OF IVO ROBOTNIK!

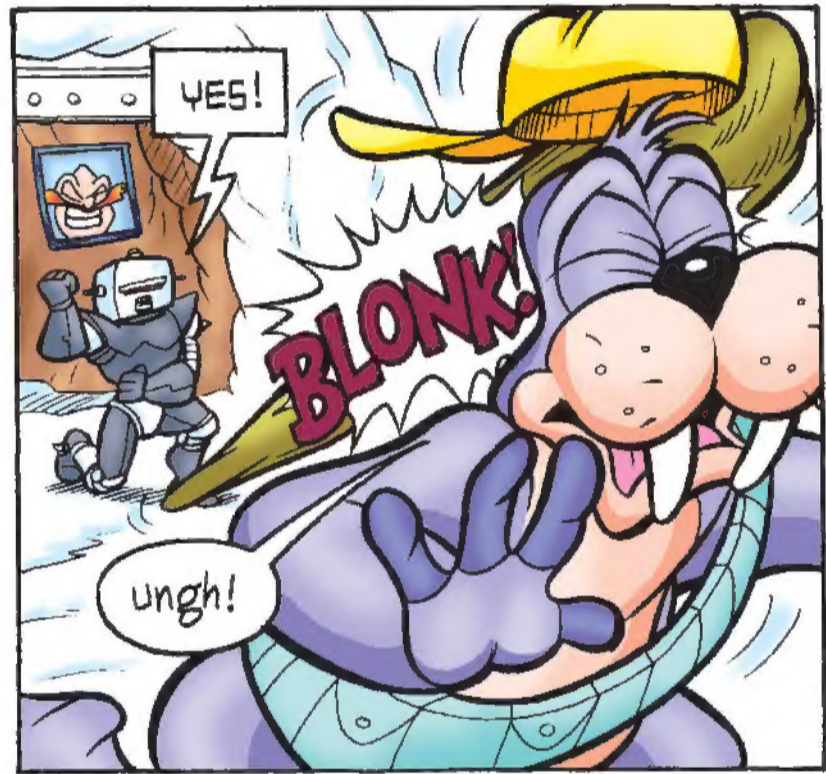
huff puff GOTTA MAKE IT TO THE WATER...



CLUB HIM, ICEBOT!

WIP

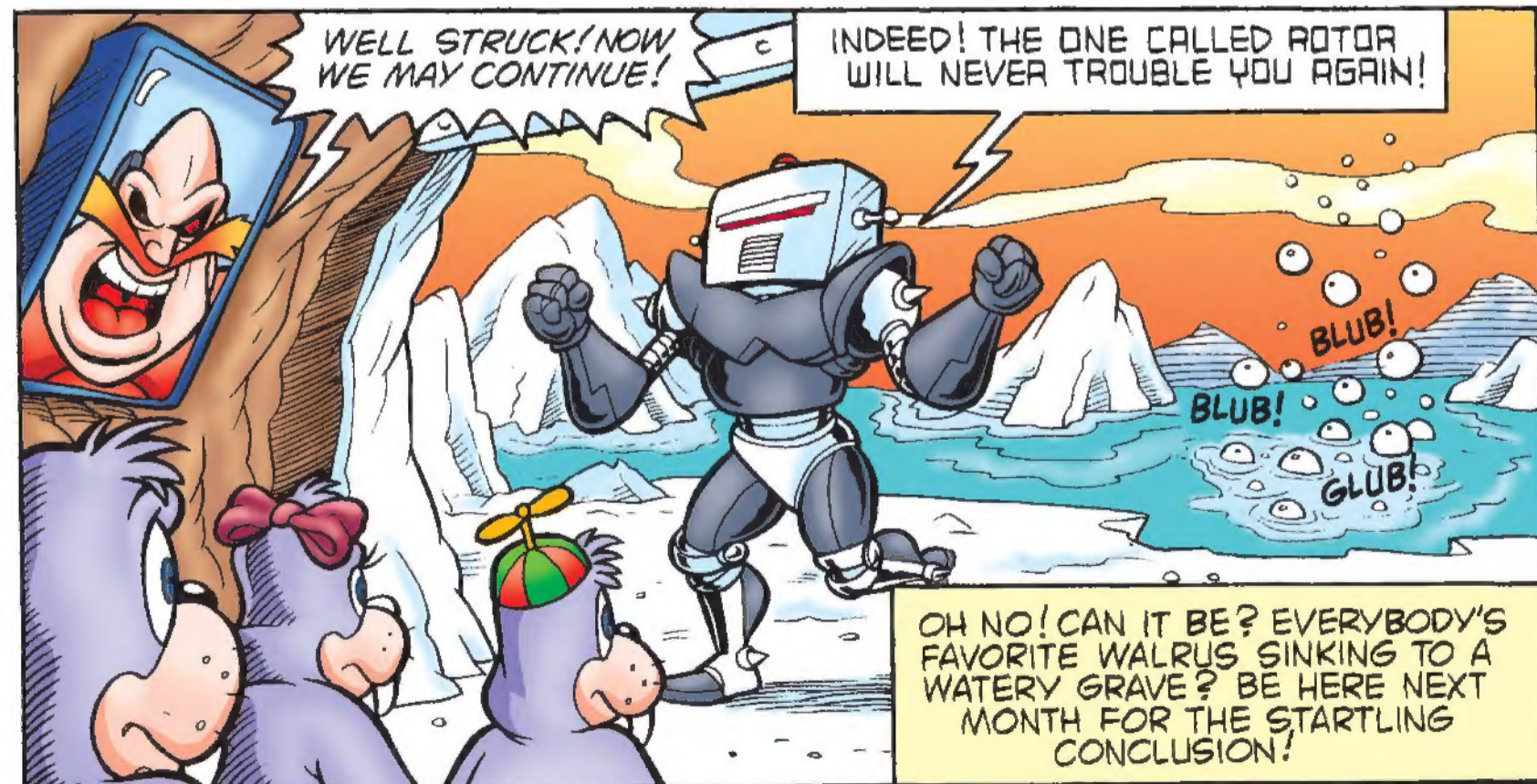
AT YOUR COMMAND, ELLIPTICAL ONE!



YES!

BLONK!

ungh!



WELL STRUCK! NOW WE MAY CONTINUE!

INDEED! THE ONE CALLED ROTOR WILL NEVER TROUBLE YOU AGAIN!

BLUB!  
BLUB!  
GLUB!

OH NO! CAN IT BE? EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE WALRUS SINKING TO A WATERY GRAVE? BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR THE STARTLING CONCLUSION!